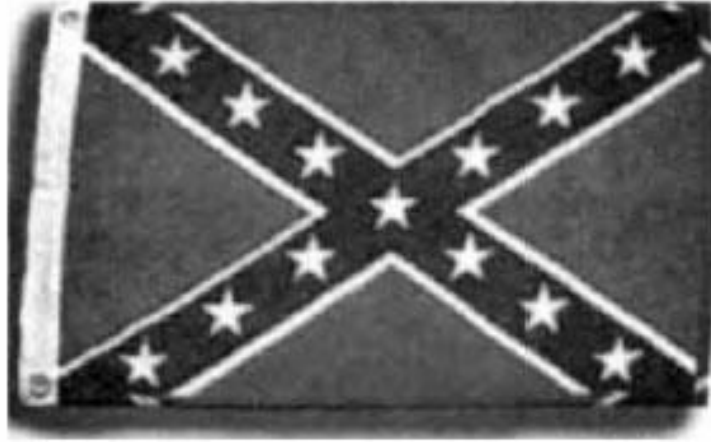


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**Juneteenth Celebration Resonates In  
Wake Of Charleston, S.C., Tragedy:  
Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal  
Church, Where The Gunman Murdered  
Nine People, Was Founded By Slave  
Revolt Organizer Denmark Vesey**

June 19, 2015 by Melanie Eversley, USA TODAY [Excerpts]

As Dylann Roof faces nine counts of murder for opening fire inside of an historic black church in a city with deep black historical roots, the country on Friday also celebrates black empowerment and freedom from slavery.

Juneteenth will have particular significance in Charleston, S.C., based on comments dominating social media and on editorials from news organizations.

Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the gunman murdered nine people during a prayer meeting, was founded by slave revolt organizer Denmark Vesey and others.

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when Major Gen. Gordon Granger came to Galveston, Texas, to inform a reluctant community that President Abraham Lincoln two years earlier had freed the slaves and to press locals to comply with his directive.

Over time, the observance, marked by dancing and music, has come to celebrate freedom and black achievement nationally. Those concepts go hand-in-hand with the theme of Charleston, a city steeped in black history and defiance.

In 1822, authorities discovered plans for a major slave revolt being organized by Denmark Vesey, one of the founders of Emanuel. Authorities fortified the northern boundary of the city to prevent future rebellions and ultimately built the Citadel, which today is a commercial hotel.

One neighborhood, Harleston Village, features 1820s homes owned by free black men, including carpenter Richard Holloway and religious leader and shoemaker Morris Brown.

Holloway owned 20 homes by the time he died, according to an essay by Bernard Powers, chair of the history department at the College of Charleston.

Emanuel and other churches that emerged after the civil war allowed black congregations to worship how they preferred, and according to their own customs, Powers wrote.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **11 Police, Army Dead In Taliban Attack**

Jun 18, 2015 AP

Afghan officials say that at least 11 members of the security forces have been killed in a Taliban assault on government buildings in an unstable district in southern Helmand province.

The officials said today that four soldiers and seven police officers were killed with the insurgents overran Musa Qala which has shifted between government and Taliban control for years.

Saqi Jan, police logistics expert in the district, said four soldiers and four police were killed in the attack, which began last night.

Earlier the spokesman for the provincial governor, Omar Zawaq, said three policemen had been killed.

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## **POLICE WAR REPORTS**

# **Officer Not Charged For Killing Unarmed 17-Year-Old: Deven Flashed His Bright Lights To Alert The Oncoming Officer That His Brights Appeared To Be On**



June 18, 2015 by Andrew Emmett, Nation of Change

Deven Guilford, was killed as a result of being shot seven times by Eaton County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Jonathan Frost.

Deven was stopped by the officer because Deven flashed his bright lights to alert the oncoming officer that his brights appeared to be on.

An Eaton County prosecutor decided on Tuesday not to issue criminal charges against an officer who shot and killed an unarmed high school student during a traffic stop.

While attempting to notify a sergeant that his high beams were possibly on, 17-year-old Deven Guilford was detained, pulled out of his vehicle, and shot with a Taser before losing his life in a violent struggle.

Both Guilford's cellphone and the sergeant's body camera recorded the incident as events rapidly spiraled out of control.

After dropping his brother off at a church in Grand Ledge, Michigan, Deven Guilford noticed an approaching police vehicle that appeared to be driving with its high beams on by mistake at 8:25 p.m. on February 28. In an attempt to notify the driver of the police SUV, Guilford flashed his high beams twice at Eaton County Sgt. Jonathan Frost.

**Although two other drivers had flashed their high beams at Sgt. Frost earlier that night to warn him of his new vehicle's extremely bright headlights, Sgt. Frost decided to pull over Guilford.**

According to the video recorded from Sgt. Frost's body cam, he exited his patrol car and announced, "Stopping this car for flashing me with their brights. I did not have my brights on."

As Frost approached Guilford's vehicle, he requested the teenager's driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance while informing Guilford that he had been pulled over for flashing his high beams.

Although it is illegal to flash your high beams at an oncoming vehicle, Guilford explained that he believed Frost had been driving with his high beams on and possibly endangering lives. Instead of initially admitting two other drivers had also warned Frost about his bright headlights earlier that night, Frost repeatedly ordered Guilford to hand over his identification.

Instead of producing his documents, Guilford asked to see Frost's identification and badge number. When Frost refused to show Guilford his badge number, the teen pulled out his cellphone and began recording the incident as Frost called for backup. Guilford held up his phone and told Frost, "I am video and audio recording for my safety and your safety."

After Frost again refused to show Guilford his badge number, Frost informed the teenager that he was being detained for flashing his high beams and refusing to hand over his identification.

When Guilford admitted that he did not have his driver's license, Frost finally disclosed the fact that two other drivers had flashed their headlights at Frost earlier that night because they also thought he was driving with his high beams on by mistake.

Guilford apologized to the sergeant as Frost continued demanding to see his papers.

**As Guilford dialed a number on his phone, Frost claimed that he suspected the kid was a member of a sovereign nation or militia movement.**

Fearing that Guilford was calling militiamen to the scene, Frost radioed for backup again before opening the teenager's door and attempting to pull him out of the vehicle.

Because Guilford still had his seatbelt on, Frost found himself unable to pull the kid out of the vehicle. Instead of unbuckling the seatbelt, Frost pulled out his Taser and ordered Guilford onto the ground.

As Guilford complied, he continued recording with his cellphone. Frost immediately grabbed the phone and threw it on the side of the road before attempting to handcuff Guilford.

**While lying on his stomach, Guilford continued to appeal to the sergeant until Frost shot him in the back with his Taser.**

Guilford screamed in pain before rising off the ground and engaging Frost in a fistfight. According to Frost's police report, the 17-year-old managed to knock the sergeant down and repeatedly punch him in the face. Instead of fighting back, Frost pulled out his service weapon and shot Guilford seven times in less than five seconds.

According to Guilford's autopsy, Frost shot him at close range in the head, left armpit, right forearm, right wrist, belly, and twice in the chest.

**When officers checked his cellphone, they discovered that Guilford had been calling his girlfriend moments before his death. She later arrived at the crime scene with the wallet and driver's license that Guilford had forgotten to take with him.**

**Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Lloyd announced on Tuesday that his office is not seeking criminal charges against Frost even though both videos clearly show him escalating the situation instead of trying to diffuse it.**

Immediately after Lloyd's announcement, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich restored Frost to full patrol duties.

Guilford's family responded in a written statement:

"Around 8:00pm on February 28, 2015, our 17 year old son and brother, Deven Guilford, was killed as a result of being shot seven times by Eaton County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Jonathan Frost. At the time, Deven was merely traveling to his girlfriend's house after playing basketball at his church. Deven was stopped by the officer because Deven flashed his bright lights to alert the oncoming officer that his brights appeared to be on. Notably,

"Deven was the third person that the officer had pulled over that night for flashing brights at the officer, who was driving a brand new police vehicle with high-intensity head-lights. During this traffic stop, it appears that Deven was puzzled and confused about why he was pulled over and why he was being confronted by the officer. It appears that the officer did not make any reasonable inquiry of Deven that could have helped ease the tensions of the situation."

“The Eaton County Prosecutor, after reviewing the investigation by the Michigan State Police has determined to not bring any criminal charges against Sgt. Frost. Based on what we know at this time, our family believes that our son should not have been killed on the night in question.”

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## **Good Samaritan Prevents Burglary, So A Cop Killed His Beloved Family’s Dog: “Miller Was Restrained On A Leash”**

June 16, 2015 By Matt Agorist, The Free Thought Project [Excerpts]

Cleveland, MS — A good Samaritan never thought that his attempts to prevent a burglary would end with the killing of their beloved family pet. However, that is exactly what happened to Tyler Muzzi and his family’s beautiful 18-month-old yellow lab.

On Friday, Tyler Muzzi noticed a suspicious man on their dead-end street snooping around his neighbors house. Muzzi then called the neighbor to alert him to the possible burglar.

The property owner in turn called the Cleveland police.

When police showed up, they found the suspect and placed him in the back of the patrol car. At this point, Muzzi heard two gunshots and thought that police may have been shooting at the suspect, but he was wrong.

**Miller, the family’s 18-month-old yellow Labrador retriever was playing in the Muzzi’s backyard during the police department’s investigation.**

**The two shots Muzzi heard came from a cowardly officer and were fired into their beloved Miller.**

Had this dog attacked the officer, or attempted to attack the officer, he may have been justified in shooting him.

**However, Miller was restrained on a leash! The leash was attached to a runner which was strung up between two trees in the Muzzi’s backyard.**

The investigating officer told Muzzi that he had to shoot their dog because the animal “came after” him, and the officer had no choice.

Bethany Muzzi, Tyler’s wife explained how the incident unfolded and the subsequent disgusting and callous reaction by police afterward.

“They came and got the guy, questioned Tyler and looked all around the house. Miller was in the backyard on a line the whole time and none of the other officers ever expressed a concern for him or Tyler could have put him in our pen. Tyler walked back inside and heard two gunshots.

“Thinking the guy got away he went outside and all of the officers were standing around casually and said, ‘hey man is that your dog’? Apparently the investigator had arrived and walked back to the backyard without asking the other officers whether or not there was a dog.

“As he walked up Miller ran over to him (as any family pet would) and the investigator says he felt threatened enough to shoot him two times. So Tyler goes to our backyard to see everyone standing around Miller while he whimpers.”

According to the local Cleveland paper, the officer involved in killing this family pet has been placed on paid vacation.

Tyler Muzzi tried to do the right thing, and for that, he says, he and his wife, Bethany, and their 5-year-old daughter, Emma, have lost a pet, a friend and a member of the family.

Last year we broke the story of a SWAT team responding a dispute between two neighbors and then shooting a small dog as it ran away from them.

In October of last year, we broke the story of the sickening video uploaded to facebook of a Cleburne Texas Police officer calling a small dog towards him and then shooting it.

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## **Officers At The Florida Department Of Corrections Plot To Kill Black Man**

April 10, 2015 By Zaid Jilani / AlterNet [Excerpts]

Last week, the state of Florida arrested three alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan who had plotted to kill an African American inmate after he was released from prison. While white supremacist terror plots are not uncommon, this one had a peculiar twist: two of the suspects involved were officers at the Florida Department of Corrections.

The incident has incited outrage across the state. On Tuesday the Senate Criminal Justice Committee heard testimony from prisons chief Julie Jones, who said she’s unaware of other Klan activity in the prisons, but that it’s difficult to ascertain because the department is not allowed to ask about political affiliations during the hiring process.

The residents of Tallahassee, Florida are not content to live with this uncertainty about extremists working in the Florida prison system. Yesterday, over 100 students and other activists marched from Florida State University to the state capitol, demanding that the government cleanse itself of Klan members and other racist influences. Holding banners reading “Klan Out Now,” the demonstrators carried a Confederate flag which they publicly burned (this week marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War).



“We are out here today because we want to fight against the system of white supremacy and capitalism. We want to stand against the growing tide of white supremacy and white nationalism. Groups like the KKK are not to be taken lightly; they have been known to be involved in various police departments and other influential positions,” said Shiaani Ehsaan of the Black Liberation Action Coordinating Committee.

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## **MILITARY REPORTS**

**Assad Is Losing His Troops:  
“A Quiet Insurrection Against The  
Assad Regime Has Been Building For  
The Past Year In The Syrian Province  
Of Sweida”**

**“A Prominent Religious Figure Declared  
That The Druze Were No Long Obligated  
To Serve In The Syrian Arab Army”**



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A major minority sect in Syria doesn't want to fight for an imperiled regime, and could be critical in deciding the next phase of the civil war.

A quiet insurrection against the Assad regime has been building for the past year in the Syrian province of Sweida, home to the bulk of the country's minority Druze population.

The rebellion reached a crescendo this week when a prominent religious figure declared that the Druze were no longer obliged to serve in the Syrian Arab Army—a development that poses a major threat to the teetering regime of Bashar al-Assad, which has long been losing soldiers to defections and desertions and more recently been losing ground to an increasingly more organized and effective rebel force.

Over the course of the Syrian civil war, religious minorities have proved instrumental to the resilience of the regime, which used the support of Alawites, Christians and Druze to bolster its claims of legitimacy inside and outside the country. While that remains true today, Druze seem to be pushing for a different reality than the one Assad imposed on minorities for his own survival. Depending on how the regime manages the situation, a mass Druze abandonment of the regime could prove pivotal in the how the war progresses from here.

The discontent in Sweida began in earnest during the sham presidential “election” held June 2014, when the regime sought to bolster its domestic support by cajoling minority groups to rally on its behalf. Clerics marched from the Ain al-Zaman shrine, one of the Druze's most revered places of worship, to protest against the use of Druze religious imagery to promote Assad.

The clerics asked for the sacking of the military security chief in the province and proclaimed that Druze represented only their sect and should not be labelled as backers of the regime.

**Conditions only grew worse late last month when locals in Sweida bridled at the arrests of young Druze to force them to serve in the military.**

Small-scale clashes with the security forces also took place in December in several towns over forced conscription.

Last week, Assad issued a desperate plea for young Druze to defend their province from rebel attacks.

**The decree also stipulated that those who join the army from Sweida would not be required to serve outside their areas—a remarkable compromise from Damascus, which has rarely caved to popular demand.**

**If Assad was hoping that this conciliatory gesture would be sufficient to keep the Druze on side, he was badly mistaken.**

Sheikh Abu Fahad Wahid Balous, one of Sweida's prominent religious leaders, defied the plea on Saturday and declared that no Druze should be obligated to join the army.

**“We have ended mandatory conscription,” Balous said to a cheering crowd in a video posted online.**

“It is strictly forbidden for young men to be picked up by force from their homes, a street or a checkpoint, whether they are of conscription age or wanted for desertion or for reserve duty.”

In December, Druze opposition member Jabr al-Shoufi told the Saudi-owned newspaper Asharq al-Awsat that Druze clerics forbade funeral prayers for those who die fighting with the regime.

**Estimates of the number of Druze who have deserted or refused to join the Syrian army vary from 12,000 to more than 26,000—a sizable figure given that the army’s losses throughout a four-year attritional war are thought to be 125,000.**

There are approximately 700,000 Druze in Syria and their refusal to serve in the army will deal a heavy blow to the regime’s badly needed resources.

**The rapid gains made by the rebels in Idlib, Aleppo, Hama and Deraa were mostly symptomatic of an exhausted army that suffers from deep internal issues.**

**During the conflict, the army has lost dozens of its long-standing officers at leadership and operational levels, and suffered a drop in financial support as more attention has been given to the National Defense Forces, a paramilitary organization directly bankrolled by Iran.**

Assad can still maneuver to keep the Druze on side. For one thing, their disaffection with the regime doesn’t axiomatically equal closeness to the anti-Assad opposition. On the contrary, the al Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra’s massacre of more than 20 Druze in the northwest Idlib province last Wednesday has convinced the inhabitants of Sweida that it might face a similar fate if the rebels take control of their areas.

The Druze also warred with the rebels after the latter overran the Thala air base in Sweida on Thursday. The rebels were forced to withdraw and have now vowed not push further into Sweida to avoid fomenting sectarian tensions.

Still, the rebels insists that military bases near Sweida are being used to shell villages and towns in the southernmost province of Deraa. Druze religious leaders also warned Jabhat al-Nusra that they would defend their areas at all costs against any encroachment by the group or other anti-government forces.

The difficulty for the regime in managing the situation is complicated by the view in Sweida that the Druze cannot rely on the regime for protection, unlike Alawites and Christians. The Druze watched with horror as the Assad regime failed to come to the defense of Kobane last year after a withering siege laid to the Kurdish border town by ISIS militants. What would happen if ISIS came to Sweida?

More Druze are calling for a redefinition of their relationship with Assad. Many prefer to distance themselves from the regime to secure their future within an inevitable Sunni majority-led state—a position that echoes repeated calls to this effect from Lebanese Druze, particularly that community’s leader Walid Jumblatt.

Other Druze have demanded that Assad offer guarantees for their future, namely by arming them. They've asked the regime to provide local militias with heavy weapons rather than rely on military bases that could be overrun by rebels or jihadists.

Even religious clerics who have stood with the regime, such as Sheikh Youssef Jarbou', were clear about such expectations: "The Syrian army is capable of defending us and it still has the upper hand. Druze will not be fighting (the rebels) in Deraa or anywhere. We will only defend our areas. We have weapons but not enough to face all threats."

Druze is the only minority group in Syria playing smart politics to ensure its survival regardless of the outcome of the war.

It's already won a major concession from the regime by exempting its youth from fighting beyond its immediate territory. If the Druze continue to write their own script for autonomy, they might be a rare success story in Syria, spared from the regime's enmity, protected from rebel or Islamist assault, and free to carry on as they wish.

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## **Extremists Fix Roads: Mean - But Clean - Streets "This Sense Of Order In Mosul Climaxed With The Return Of Electricity To The City"**



14.05.2015 by Khales Joumah, Niqash

Perhaps it's not so surprising to discover that, under the rule of the extremist group known as the Islamic State, the northern Iraqi city of Mosul has become a much tidier place.

Rubbish is cleared regularly, street sweepers are hard at work and holes in the roads and pavements are being fixed; there are hardly any traffic or parking violations either.

“It’s like a busy bee colony,” local journalist Saad Khader told NIQASH during a phone interview. “The employees of the Mosul municipal authority go to the streets every morning to find that all the rubbish trucks and street cleaners have already arrived. From the moment they get to work until the end of their shift, they work with extraordinary enthusiasm.”

The reason?

“The municipal services staff are now supervised by the city’s new rulers – the Islamic State – and those who neglect their work or who disobey orders are severely punished,” says Khader.

According to one of the municipal service’s engineers, who could not give his name for security reasons, the department is now supervised by a member of the Islamic State, or IS, group called Abu Obaidah, who is 30 years old and an Iraqi originally from Diyala.

“All employees abide by his instructions because they are under the strict and close control of the department,” the engineer explained, adding that Abu Obaidah frequently visits work sites and holds meetings with department heads. “And the cruelty of the IS group is now well known. Everybody knows they won’t hesitate to punish anyone who makes even a small mistake – punishment can be anything from flogging to the amputation of hands to beheading.”

As a result of this kind of management Mosul’s streets have become very clean.

The various workers have started to pave unkempt streets, maintain local sewers, collect the garbage and even to organize local markets.

They are even doing unheard of things like putting up street signs – something many Iraqi cities don’t have – and street lights.

The municipal services officers have also constructed a number of covered markets around the city and ordered all street vendors who were plying their trade out in the open, to work from there.

Once there, the vendors have to pay rent annually, as much as US\$1,500. The best known of these markets is one in the centre of the city, on top of the ruins of the oldest police station in the province of Ninawa.

This sense of order in Mosul climaxed with the return of electricity to the city.

Power had been interrupted for almost five months thanks to destroyed power lines after fighting between the IS group and the Iraqi Kurdish military.

“But Abu Obaidah has been very enthusiastic about getting the power back on,” another city engineer told NIQASH, on condition of anonymity.

**“He sent the maintenance teams out to the lines, with IS fighters to protect them. In fact, the technicians were able to get the power back on after the Iraqi Kurdish military allowed them to enter the power station in the Mosul dam area.”**

The return of regular electricity to the city was considered a “victory” for the IS group, locals say. The extremist group is continually trying to prove that it can do a better job running the city than the previous government and competing with the city’s administration-in-exile.

**In fact the Iraqi government is still paying the salaries of employees of local services departments.**

But the IS group is reaping the rewards – Mosul’s citizens pay IQD10,000 (around US\$8) a month for each residential dwelling towards the cleaning of the city, and rents from cafes, factories, shops, parking lots and market stands are also paid to the IS group.

In all this, the most important thing for the IS group is to gain legitimacy in the eyes of Mosul’s citizens. They want people to be satisfied with their rule over the metropolis, formerly home to around 2 million Iraqis. None of this will impact ballot boxes – the IS group doesn’t believe in democracy because they say it is “against God’s rule”.

But they hope to get the people to accept them by running the city well.

**Along these lines one of the boldest things the IS group did recently was re-open the city’s luxury hotel, the Ninawa Oberoi, renaming it Al Warithin (in English, The Heirs).**

The IS group celebrated the hotel’s opening with a party on May 1 attended by dozens of members’ families, as well as other local families.

A week later the city administrators opened up Saddam Hussein’s former palaces to the people of Mosul – they could now use the grounds for tourism and entertainment and, according to the journalist Khader, many are doing exactly that.

It feels as though with every move like this, the IS group is pushing it’s feel good campaign in Mosul, with a canny subtitle: “The city is thriving in the Caliphate”.

And that message has certainly got across, at least partially.

Locals are increasingly convinced that the IS group will stay in Mosul for a long time. Ten months have passed since the extremists took over the city.

But with a few exceptions, it’s terrifying and cruel methods have not convinced everyone in Mosul to join them, or even support them.

The question now is this: will clean streets and empty garbage bins win them the battle for local hearts and minds? They obviously hope so.

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## FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**People do not make revolutions eagerly any more than they do war. There is this difference, however, that in war compulsion plays the decisive role, in revolution there is no compulsion except that of circumstances.**

**A revolution takes place only when there is no other way out. And the insurrection, which rises above a revolution like a peak in the mountain chain of its events, can be no more evoked at will than the revolution as a whole. The masses advance and retreat several times before they make up their minds to the final assault.**

**-- Leon Trotsky; The History of the Russian Revolution**

# Schooled Underwater



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: June 18, 2015  
Subject: Schooled Underwater

## **Schooled Underwater**

**A fish jumps up and out of the water  
and hears someone yell:  
Since the end of World War II the  
United States has bombed 29 countries!  
Now, that's another world.  
That is why obedient fish are schooled  
to always stay underwater.  
Otherwise, there will be chaos.**

**Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
June 18, 2015**

**Photograph by Mike Hastie:  
Domingo Rosas, Iraq Veteran testifies at  
the Winter Soldier Investigation in 2008,  
involving U.S. War Crimes in Iraq.  
He was one of the few fish to jump up**



and out of the water.

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: [hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004

**Remembering Baltimore:  
“Everyone I Knew Who Lived In That  
World Regarded The Police Not With  
Admiration And Respect But With  
Fear And Caution”  
“The Case Against The Baltimore Police,  
And The Society That Superintends  
Them, Is Easily Made”**

Apr 27, 2015 Ta-Nehisi Coates, Atlantic [Excerpts]

Rioting broke out on Monday in Baltimore—an angry response to the death of Freddie Gray, a death my native city seems powerless to explain. Gray did not die mysteriously in some back alley but in the custody of the city’s publicly appointed guardians of order.

I grew up across the street from Mondawmin Mall, where today’s riots began. My mother was raised in the same housing project, Gilmor Homes, where Freddie Gray was killed.

Everyone I knew who lived in that world regarded the police not with admiration and respect but with fear and caution.

People write these feelings off as wholly irrational at their own peril, or their own leisure. The case against the Baltimore police, and the society that superintends them, is easily made:

Over the past four years, more than 100 people have won court judgments or **settlements related to allegations of brutality and civil rights violations.**

**Victims include a 15-year-old boy riding a dirt bike, a 26-year-old pregnant accountant who had witnessed a beating, a 50-year-old woman selling church raffle tickets, a 65-year-old church deacon rolling a cigarette and an 87-year-old grandmother aiding her wounded grandson ....**

And in almost every case, prosecutors or judges dismissed the charges against the victims—if charges were filed at all.

**In an incident that drew headlines recently, charges against a South Baltimore man were dropped after a video showed an officer repeatedly punching him—a beating that led the police commissioner to say he was “shocked.”**

The money paid out by the city to cover for the brutal acts of its police department would be enough to build "a state-of-the-art rec center or renovations at more than 30 playgrounds." Instead, the money was used to cover for the brutal acts of the city's police department and ensure they remained well beyond any semblance of justice.

Now, tonight, I turn on the news and I see politicians calling for young people in Baltimore to remain peaceful and "nonviolent."

These well-intended pleas strike me as the right answer to the wrong question.

To understand the question, it's worth remembering what, specifically, happened to Freddie Gray. An officer made eye contact with Gray. Gray, for unknown reasons, ran. The officer and his colleagues then detained Gray. They found him in possession of a switchblade. They arrested him while he yelled in pain. And then, within an hour, his spine was mostly severed. A week later, he was dead. What specifically was the crime here? What particular threat did Freddie Gray pose? Why is mere eye contact and then running worthy of detention at the hands of the state? Why is Freddie Gray dead?

The people now calling for nonviolence are not prepared to answer these questions.

Many of them are charged with enforcing the very policies that led to Gray's death, and yet they can offer no rational justification for Gray's death and so they appeal for calm.

But there was no official appeal for calm when Gray was being arrested. There was no appeal for calm when Jerriel Lyles was assaulted. ("The blow was so heavy. My eyes swelled up. Blood was dripping down my nose and out my eye.") There was no claim for nonviolence on behalf of Venus Green. ("Bitch, you ain't no better than any of the other old black bitches I have locked up.") There was no plea for peace on behalf of Starr Brown. ("They slammed me down on my face," Brown added, her voice cracking. "The skin was gone on my face.")

**When nonviolence is preached as an attempt to evade the repercussions of political brutality, it betrays itself.**

**When nonviolence begins halfway through the war with the aggressor calling time out, it exposes itself as a ruse.**

**When nonviolence is preached by the representatives of the state, while the state doles out heaps of violence to its citizens, it reveals itself to be a con.**

And none of this can mean that rioting or violence is "correct" or "wise," any more than a forest fire can be "correct" or "wise."

**Wisdom isn't the point tonight.**

**Disrespect is.**

**In this case, disrespect for the hollow law and failed order that so regularly disrespects the community.**

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## **Obama Nation**

From: Dennis Serdel  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Obama Nation  
Date: Jun 18, 2013

**Written by Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree**

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**We are the National Security  
AObamaNation checking  
your asshole  
to see what you have up there  
It could be a bomb that the FBI  
put up there  
then arrested you in Time Square  
then shouted to the AObama Nation,  
that we just stopped another terrorist  
& Yes, you can tell us what a fine job  
we're doing, protecting the Obama  
Nation from any harm, he could  
have killed so many people  
with the fireworks & black powder  
that the FBI gave him.  
Then the whole ObamaNation  
voted on TV that the NSA  
could secretly download**

your brains  
because you have nothing  
to worry about,  
because you know nothing,  
about anything at all.  
Not even your wife's second baby  
who was not your own,  
or how many times you watch  
with Yahoo internet,  
pornographic pictures  
on your computer at work.  
That sometimes you worry  
that the government would release  
this info to your totalitarian boss  
& he would fire you &  
driving home through a red light,  
it was orange you tell the policeman,  
No, it was red & I see you  
haven't had a ticket since 1984  
& what would you do  
tell your wife who's third child  
was not yours either.  
But they would never do this  
because you watch Fox News  
or CNN  
who tells you about this guy  
who never finished 3rd grade &  
got a job at the NSA,  
then as an American traitor  
he released this information  
that your government knows  
you pick your nose  
& that they know when you're in  
church that you tightwad  
up a dollar  
so it looks like you put more  
money in the basket.  
But you & your wife are God fearing  
American citizens who also  
cheat on taxes about the money  
you give to the church  
when it's tax paying time.  
But you are Not a terrorist  
because you are an upstanding  
American citizen  
protected by the Constitution  
that in school you flunked on it  
that they keep changing.  
All you know about it  
is what the NRA tells you who  
to vote for

because of the second amendment  
& how they want to take  
away your rights or something.  
In the morning when you wake &  
have breakfast with your kids  
who don't look like you,  
you find out they still have  
Not caught  
that Commie bastard who leaked  
out your credit card information,  
so the government now knows  
how much you are in debt.  
He also leaked out your wife's phone  
conversations, chatting with other men  
& leaked out your emails, about  
having affairs with cheating wives.  
But then you drive home that night,  
shaken running through a red light  
eat dinner  
with your strange looking children  
then turn on the TV  
& they still have Not caught  
this guy who leaked out  
all this spying information  
on American citizens  
by the National Security  
AObamaNation.

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## NSA Launches 'Revenge Porn Site'



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June 9, 2015 by Loose Change, Duffel Blog

FORT MEADE, Md. — With the declassification of nearly all of the National Security Agency's metadata following the expiration of the Patriot Act, the government agency announced today that they had released all the data on a new website, [naughtysecurity.com](http://naughtysecurity.com).

The website is being described by fans and critics alike as "the world's largest revenge porn site," with advocates noting that "NSA has found a goldmine that they're going to capitalize on," as Douglas Federmine of Bloomberg Business put it.

"With budget cuts and sequestration this is the perfect time to launch our premium website," NSA spokesperson Shelly Lambert told the Duffel Blog.

Instead of anonymously browsing the metadata for free, users must set up an account and choose from multiple package options.

The packages range in price from the 50GB, \$9.99/month basic package, to the expensive but popular the \$199.99/year "Edward Snowden" package, which includes unlimited browsing and downloads.

"Looking for your neighbors' swingers party videos because you weren't invited?" Lambert asked. "Want to find your ex-boyfriend's dick pics or ex-girlfriend's nude selfies? Lost all your porn when your hard drive crashed? Want a nude picture of that girl from accounting? You can find all that and more at our website!"

Lambert demonstrated by showing a nude image of herself with a sex toy, harvested from her ex-boyfriend's smartphone. "I sent it to his wife," she said with a smile.

According to early projections the website is on pace to sell nearly \$1 billion in subscriptions this month alone.

Due to the release of millions of e-mails and text messages detailing seedy affairs and rendezvous NSA analysts believe there will be a 81 percent increase in the divorce rate and as much as a 53 percent increase in STD and paternity test rates.

However, these rates are not worrying the NSA.

According to Lambert, "Our experts predicted these externalities. When you look at the big picture this project will create jobs. With a constant stream of data we need people to sift through and catalog it.

The jump in divorce rates alone will generate billions in revenue for divorce lawyers, alimony and child support, apartment leases, couples counseling and bail payments."

And with the all the revenue generated off the federal budget, the NSA has freed itself from unnecessary restraints on its mission to keep America secure.

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS

**“Over One Hundred Thousand People Took To The Streets Of London On Saturday”**

**“The UK’s Biggest Anti-Austerity Rally For Years To Oppose The New Tory Government”**



Over one hundred thousand people took to the streets of London on Saturday in the UK’s biggest anti-austerity rally for years to oppose the new Tory government’s program of social benefit cuts and privatization. (photo: Peter Nicholls/Reuters)

June 20, 2015 By David Milliken, Reuters

LONDON - Anti-austerity protesters massed outside Britain’s parliament on Saturday to demonstrate against the newly re-elected Conservative government’s plans for further public spending cuts.

Holding banners saying "End Austerity Now" and "Defy Tory Rule", protesters had marched from the Bank of England in the heart of London’s financial district, in a rally which organizers said drew several hundred thousand people.

Police declined to estimate numbers for the event, which featured speeches from celebrities such as singer Charlotte Church and comedian Russell Brand as well as trade unionists and Labour Party leadership contender Jeremy Corbyn.

"Everyone from up and down the country is here because they have had enough of austerity, cuts and privatization," university scientist Gareth Hardy told Reuters Video News.

One marcher carried a placard showing Prime Minister David Cameron peeking out of a garbage can -- suggesting this was where his policies belonged too -- while another pictured him with devil's horns.

A small number of protesters let off red-colored smoke bombs in a mostly good-natured march.

Britain's Conservatives unexpectedly won an outright majority in a national election last month after five years when they had led a coalition focused on cutting public spending to narrow Britain's large budget deficit.

Since winning the election, finance minister George Osborne has said he wants government departments to make extra cuts this year and to commit future governments to run budget surpluses during normal economic times.

**The government also plans to reduce spending on social security benefits by a further 12 billion pounds (\$19 billion), arguing that high levels of public debt make Britain vulnerable if there is another global financial crisis.**

Speaking to crowds outside parliament, Church said people should not be afraid to seek help from others.

"If you feel ashamed that you have to use a food bank because this government would rather see you starve ... walk tall. You have the moral high ground."

The protest was organized by the People's Assembly Against Austerity, an umbrella group with support from trade unions, anti-war protesters and some Labour and Green Party politicians.

"This march has exceeded all expectations," a spokeswoman for the organizers said. "Today is the start of a mass movement to take on this government."

Similar protests took place in Glasgow and Liverpool.

The last major demonstration in central London was in October, when the Trades Union Congress said up to 90,000 of its supporters marched to call for higher wages. A 2011 march organized by the TUC as part of pan-European anti-austerity protests attracted several hundred thousand marchers.

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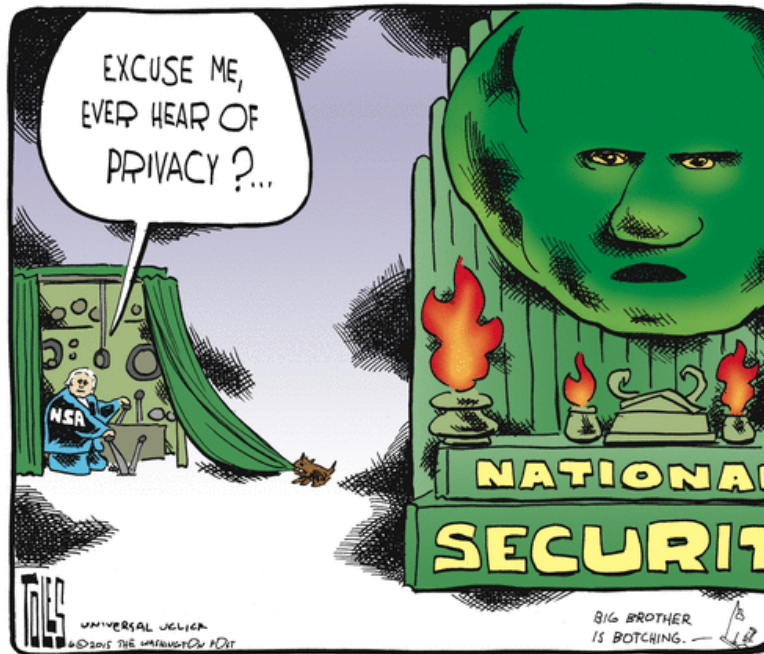
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