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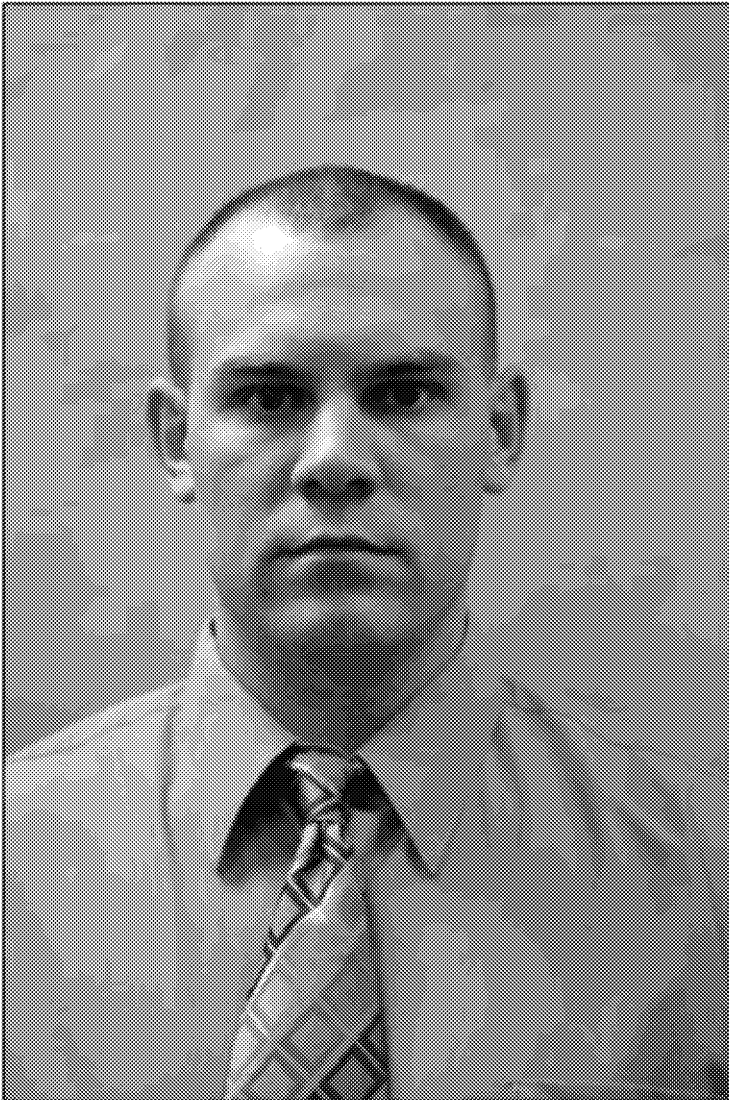
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By Robert Romano

An armed resource officer and first class deputy, Blaine Gaskill, responded with lethal force to stop a shooting at Great Mills High School in Lexington Park, Md. The gunman is dead and, sadly, the girl he shot remains in critical condition as of this writing, while another boy caught in the crossfire was listed as in stable condition with a bullet wound to the leg.

Far away, in Austin, Texas, as police surrounded the mail bomber responsible for six bombings that killed two and injured six others, ready to shoot him if necessary, the bomber killed himself, blowing himself up.

The school resource officer in Maryland and police in Austin are the real-life heroes who have reminded the nation that sometimes the only thing that can stop a determined killer is lethal force.

To prevent future shootings or bombings, then, will require armed guards to harden otherwise soft targets like schools to minimize the loss of life when these tragic incidents happen. If the question is how to save as many lives as possible when faced with a cold-blooded killer, it's to kill him first — every time.

It's common sense. In Latin, the saying was "Si vis pacem, para bellum." That is, if you want peace, prepare for war.

Some might not have the stomach for this sort of thing but that's what it will take. Every time.

If a potential killer thinks that if he tries to go to a school to shoot people, he'll be riddled with bullets, that can and will deter future attacks. Otherwise, the shootings stand out very much as copycat murders, exploiting the soft targets of gun-free zones.

As those charged with the responsibility of securing our own communities, as parents, we either heed these lessons and secure our schools or our kids could be next. This is a matter every city and town must address, as security is first and foremost the local community's responsibility.

Compare that solution with those apparent students who organized a national school walkout on March 14. What specific, life-saving proposals did they call for?

Every Town for Gun Safety, which walkout groups are promoting, vaguely proposes "common-sense public safety laws" that "respects the Second Amendment." But really, it's about more background checks that are already used in gun purchases, overturning concealed carry laws and inexplicably opposing armed guards to secure locations. The group doesn't want communities to defend their schools.

Why not? Even if one supported more gun control restrictions, there more than 300 millions guns in this country. If every proposal Every Town is calling for was enacted, somebody, whether a police officer or armed citizen, would still be needed to stop a determined killer dead in his tracks.

Nationalschoolwalkout.us, where students can organize their own walkouts — another is planned for April 20 — is even vaguer about what the call to action is, writing, "We're protesting the violence in schools and the lack of change that has occur[r]ed to stop that. The day is also a time for students to interact on an elevated platform they have never had before. It is a day of discourse and thoughtful sharing. Bringing together communities and students to get a national discussion rolling."

And if "action" doesn't happen, the group promises, "we won't tolerate any more inaction on this issue. And if cowardly politicians fail to act, young people will show them the consequences of letting so many Americans die by voting them out in November."

So, it's not about securing the schools, it's about mobilizing public outrage and generating a get out the vote operation for Democrats. How do we know it's partisan?

It's being organized by Indivisible.org, where students can go to organize their own school walkouts. It has published a guide, "Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda." The group is composed of "former progressive congressional staffers who saw the Tea Party beat back President Obama's agenda."

You read that right. The group is based on the success of the tea parties in 2009 and 2010. On their site, they write, "Like us, you probably deeply disagree with the principles and positions of the Tea Party. But we can all learn from their success in influencing the national debate and the behavior of national policymakers."

The agenda is simple. Stall action on President Donald Trump's agenda in Congress this year, and then vote in the Democrats in November. The walkouts organized after the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. in February was simply an opportunistic reaction by Indivisible and other already-formulated groups.

What issues besides vague "gun control" do they support? Opposing tax cuts, opposing any deal with Trump on DACA, opposing the war in Yemen or any actions against Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, and protecting Obamacare and expanding Medicaid.

So, really, the national school walkouts are a way of building the group's mailing lists for the big push in November for the Congressional midterms. The group's website clearly states, "National School Walkout is movement powered and led by students across the country. Event registration and a map of events for the April 20th school walkouts are hosted in-kind by the Indivisible Project team." Organize a walkout or participate in one put on by Indivisible and you'll probably be added to their database to receive action alert communications on their wheelhouse of issues.

Responsible school administrators can make up their own minds. But these walkouts are not tea parties being organized by adults in their spare time. They are disrupting educational activities to elect Democrats. It's absolutely partisan and they should not be occurring during school hours. These events should be cancelled and the organizers looked into for disrupting official government functions like public schools, a punishable offense in most states.

First Amendment rights notwithstanding, time and place restrictions on speech in public schools are there for this very reason, and State attorneys general and the Justice Department, which can look into the fact this is occurring across state lines, should investigate. Local communities need not tolerate their school districts being platforms to elect one political party over another.

In the meantime, while Democrats are busy organizing turnout for the Congressional midterms — which will not stop a single determined killer — communities would be well advised to do the one thing that actually does work. Post guards to secure locations and shoot the killers first. Don't leave the children defenseless.

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By Natalia Castro

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The “grain glitch,” or Section 199A of the tax reform law, is a tax incentive granted to farmers who sell agricultural products to co-ops rather than independent, private buyers. When selling to co-ops, farmers can now deduct up to 20 percent of their total sales made; however, when selling to privately held or investor-owned companies, the farmers can now only deduct 20 percent of their income.

This gives farmers the potential to eliminate far more of their entire income tax liability when selling to co-ops, providing a clear incentive to move their business in that direction and destroying the natural competition in the market.

Senate Agriculture Committee member John Thune (R-S.D.) included the glitch to offset the removal of deductions on domestic grain production, but even Thune has since reversed his decision.

Ryan Wrasse, spokesman for Senator Thune, wrote in an email to Ag News' Farm Forum, "Ultimately, Sen. Thune believes that producers should make decisions about where and how to sell their products without the tax code unfairly tipping the scales in favor of marketing to one type of business entity or another."

If Senator Thune is serious about fixing his error, he must use the Senate's upcoming spending debate as a platform for removing the grain glitch.

Congress is heading toward another government shutdown on Friday if a spending bill is not passed. Up to this point, Congress has been passing short-term spending bills to fund the government for weeks at a time, but now Congressional Republicans are pushing for an omnibus bill worth over \$1.3 trillion.

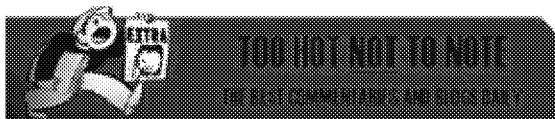
The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council on March 5, 2018, explains, "One vehicle to fix the glitch is the pending budget bill, where the action will occur soon and which makes sense given the urgency of the matter. It would be a shame if Democrats use the issue as 'leverage' or to let it hang in order to inflict political damage on Republicans. Livelihoods and a critical sector of the economy may be upended as a result of the error."

By using the spending bill as a chance to fix the grain glitch, Congressional Republicans can prevent their mistake from inflicting further damage on the country's economy.

Karin Kerrigan of the Morning Consult on March 19, 2018, explained, "There's additional risk if those outside the agricultural sector begin to seize on cooperatives as a potential tax shelter. In this worst-case scenario, widespread use of a deduction on gross income becomes the Ice-Nine of tax reform's standing as a sensible reform initiative... We all make mistakes, although, honestly, most of us don't upend American industries with a typo. Congress needs to fix this problem before anyone else is harmed by this error."

Congress passed a historic tax reform package, but it was not perfect. They must now seize upon opportunities like the spending bill to fix their mistake. The grain glitch allows the government to pick winners and losers in the market, which should never be the government's role, so now it is up to Congress to remove that authority.

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ALG Editor's Note: In the following featured column from the American Spectator, as former CIA Director John Brennan's attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election become clearer, the more he doubles down:



John Brennan's Thwarted Coup

By George Neumayr

It was the Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky who coined the phrase the “dustbin of history.” To his political opponents, he sputtered, “You are pitiful, isolated individuals! You are bankrupts. Your role is played out. Go where you belong from now on — into the dustbin of history!”

It is no coincidence that John Brennan, who supported the Soviet-controlled American Communist Party in the 1970s (he has acknowledged that he thought his vote for its presidential candidate Gus Hall threatened his prospects at the CIA; unfortunately, it didn’t), would borrow from Trotsky’s rhetoric in his fulminations against Donald Trump. His tweet last week, shortly after the firing of Andrew McCabe, reeked of Trotskyite revolutionary schlock: “When the full extent of your venality, moral turpitude, and political corruption becomes known, you will take your rightful place as a disgraced demagogue in the dustbin of history. You may scapegoat Andy McCabe, but you will not destroy America... America will triumph over you.”

America will triumph over a president it elected? That’s the raw language of coup, and of course it is not the first time Brennan has indulged it. In 2017, he was calling for members of the executive branch to defy the chief executive. They should “refuse to carry out” his lawful directives if they don’t agree with them, he said.

Trump has said that the Russians are “laughing their asses off” over the turmoil caused by Obamagate. No doubt many of the laughs come at the sight of Brennan, a supporter of Soviet stooges like Gus Hall, conducting a de facto coup from the top of the CIA and then continuing it after his ouster. Who needs Gus Hall when John Brennan is around? This time the Russians don’t even have to pay for the anti-American activity.

Another hardcore leftist, Samantha Power, who spent the weeks after Trump’s victory rifling through intelligence picked up on his staff, found Brennan’s revolutionary tweet very inspiring. “Not a good idea to piss off John Brennan,” she wrote. Sounded pretty dark and grave. But not to worry, she tweeted later. She just meant that the former CIA director was going to smite Trump with the power of his “eloquent voice.”

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In all this unhinged chatter, the partisan origins of Obamagate become clearer. The same anti-Trump hatred on display in their tweets and punditry drove the political espionage. James Kallstrom, the former FBI Assistant Director, notes that the “animus and malice” contained in Brennan’s tweet is “*prima facie* exposure of how he felt about Trump before the election.”

All the key figures in the decision to open up a probe on Trump wanted him to lose — from Brennan to Peter Strzok, whose anti-Trump machinations included, according to the latest batch of texts with his mistress, plotting to manipulate a buddy on the FISA court. In one text, he wonders if he can finagle a meeting with his friend by inviting him to a “cocktail party.” The impropriety aforethought on

display in that tweet is staggering, but of course the media has paid no attention to it, preoccupied as it is with Andrew McCabe's retirement income.

McCabe, by the way, has removed all doubts about his capacity for partisan lying with his post-firing statement, which rests entirely upon it. With all of its anti-Trump special pleading, the statement reads like it was cobbled together by Rachel Maddow. Like so many other ruling-class frauds, McCabe seeks absolution for his perjury and leaking through liberal politics. I stand with the liberal powerful against Trump, you can't touch me — that's the upshot of his defense. Comey has taken the same tack. The title of his forthcoming book should be: *How the Law Doesn't Apply to the Self-Appointed Ruling Class*.

What an amazing collection of entitled creeps, who long ago convinced themselves that the "rule of law" is identical to what they see as their sacred right to exercise power in any way they see fit. All the blather about Trump's violation of the law is simply a projection of their own lawlessness. So far the coup has been thwarted. They had hoped to stop him in the campaign through political espionage. But that didn't work. Then they tried to upend him through spying during the transition, holding out hope until the very last moment, as evidenced by Susan Rice penning her sham exculpatory note only after Trump's swearing-in. Now they join Brennan in seeking to bury Trump in Mueller's dustbin.

Trotsky would have understood the shorthand of all the tweets, polemics, and posturing perfectly. Nothing in this show trial bears any relationship to reality or justice. It is simply an expression of power politics, which doesn't always end well for its exponents. As even an old Gus Hall supporter like John Brennan must know, and perhaps his fulminating panic indicates a dawning awareness of it, those who talk the loudest about their enemies heading for the ash heap of history often end up in it.

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