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USA: First in World in Gun Ownership...

The socialists and communists would have us believe that America, because she has so many guns in the hands of private citizens, that she would have the greatest per capita murder rate as well. Well, that would be a false assumption. The number one country with the highest murder rate is a socialist country, Honduras!

In fact, compare America's per capita murder rate of 4.7 per 100,000 resident to that of a US city like Detroit, Michigan, where socialist and communist Democrats have imposed massive gun control. In Detroit, the murder rate is 54.6 per 100,000. Consider that if Detroit was a country, it would be in second place, just behind Honduras!

Out of 218 countries, "gun culture America" didn't even make it into the top 100 of those countries with the highest murder rates per capita. She came in 111. Imagine that!

Virtually every country ahead of the US in per capita murders have big government, socialist-styled gun control laws.

However, that's not all.

[Bill] Whittle says that America's murder rate, 4.7 per 100,000, is "artificially higher than it should be because it includes so many deadly, murderous, toxic places like... Detroit, Michigan."

But Detroit is not the only socialist infested city in America, whose rigorous gun control laws have borne the fruit of murder. No, other heavily socialist controlled cities in America bear similar fruit. For instance, here's other American cities and their murder rates per year:

- New Orleans – 53.2 per 100,000
- St. Louis – 35.5 per 100,000
- Baltimore – 34.9 per 100,000
- Newark – 34.4 per 100,000
- Oakland – 31.8 per 100,000
- Stockton – 23.7 per 100,000
- Kansas City – 22.6 per 100,000
- Philadelphia – 21.5 per 100,000
- Cleveland – 21.3 per 100,000
- Memphis – 20.2 per 100,000
- Atlanta – 19.0 per 100,000
- Chicago – 18.5 per 100,000

So, consider that 4.7 per 100,000 includes these high crime areas, which have been largely controlled by socialists. Why then is the overall number of murders in America as low as it is? It's largely because of cities where guns are lawfully carried and used. Here's just a few of the cities cited and their murder rates based on 100,000 per capita:

- Austin – 3.7
- Seattle – 3.7
- San Diego – 3.5
- El Paso – 3.4
- Portland – 3.3
- Santa Ana – 3.3
- Mesa – 3.1
- Henderson – 1.5
- Lincoln – 1.1
- Plano – 0.4

Whittle points out that in the heart of what liberals would call “gun nut central,” Plano, Texas, homes are virtually filled with a variety of guns and other weapons, and yet, the murder rate is 0.4 per 100,000!

Is it any wonder that Texas is seeking to nullify all federal gun laws? Doesn't tens of thousands of citizens in Connecticut refusing to comply with a “law” that requires them to register their guns, knowing full well where that leads to (confiscation)?

What would happen in America, if the governments of the people actually recognized that keeping and bearing arms is not only a right, but it is a duty for the safety and security of the people? What would happen if all gun laws were removed and the government realized that it had no business regulating or restricting arms of any kind? I'm guessing that we would see a safer and freer society abroad.

Whittle theorizes that if that were the case, and America had an overall murder rate as that of Plano, we would not rank 111, but rather 211 out of 218 countries in the world! This would place America below Switzerland and well below half of the murder rates of Germany, Spain, Denmark, New Zealand, Netherlands, Austria, Italy, France, and Australia.

The issue in all of this has nothing to do with the guns themselves. Not one bleeding heart socialist has ever seen a gun stand up on two legs, aim itself at a human being, pull its own trigger and kill that person. Not one! The issue is always the person with the gun, and as has been famously stated before, “The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.” *1

‘Many individuals have pondered the question: “What is the meaning of life?” Many books, films, religions, philosophies, etc. developed around this question; but have they brought anyone any closer to an understanding? Perhaps the answer is so utterly simple that, from the outset, they miss the point altogether? I offer this: The meaning of life is opportunity. With multiple opportunities you have choice—this is your inherent power. At any time, you can choose to carry on as usual, as most people tend to do, regardless of the availability of better opportunities—Or you can choose to always consider new opportunities, and what is the most personally empowering, most beneficial for all, and which is likely to produce the most desirable results; to constantly improve yourself...’ —*David T. Freeman*



Xenoestrogen is Destroying Western Civilization

It's in the tap water that you drink daily, in bottled water, in food, in cleaning products, in baby toys, basically anything that is made out of plastic.

This powerful Endocrine disruptor is making men effeminate. Turning them into women. Affecting their judgment and making them unable to defend and protect their tribes, effectively neutering their genetic programming. This feminization of men also explains why liberal policies are becoming more and more popular worldwide. Defying logic and common sense, our societies are now ruled by emotions and feelings. Which leads to catastrophic outcomes such as the migrant crisis that most western countries have experienced in the recent years. This also the reason why we have seen a sudden and dramatic increase in genetic anomalies such as transgenderism and gender dysphoria. And it will only get worse unless something is done about it. Many of you like me might have been wondering recently, what the fuck is going on? Why are people acting so irrationally? Why are there more and more transgender and homosexuals and people suffering from gender dysphonia?

The answer is: Xenoestrogen. It is a threat to social and political stability and human civilization.

The entire developed Western world is now more or less controlled by women, hormonally speaking.

The ramifications and impact it has on our world today is incredible and yet, this silent public health crisis actually is not getting the attention it deserves. If you want to learn more on the subject, watch this interview with a scientist that worked for the firm that developed Atrazine, one of the most potent and dangerous Xenoestrogen synthetic chemical ever created and used as an herbicide. Atrazine is used in industrial farming and has been found in tap water around the world. It is still legal and in my opinion should be banned. [*Also contained in Birth control...*]

[See] Silencing the Scientist: Tyrone Hayes on Being Targeted By Herbicide Firm Syngenta [*linked in Sources*] *2 *3

Doctor Who Hasn't Used Soap or Shower Gel in 20 YEARS...

A doctor who hasn't washed with soap in 20 years and never uses shampoo or shower gel said today that Britons are 'too clean'.

Dr George Moncrieff, who has been practising medicine for more than 30 years, told on ITV's This Morning on Thursday how the over-use of soap and detergents actually damages the skin.

The doctor said he only uses emollients to clean his body and said we should all be doing the same—particularly when it comes to washing newborn babies.

He was emphatic about areas where the skin is thin—such as the elbows and around the eyes—where Dr Moncrieff said eczema could flare up as a result of over-washing.

Dr George explained that while he does wash daily, he never does it with soap, relying instead on emollients like E45 or Aveeno cream.

Emollients, which soothe and hydrate the skin, cover it with a protective layer to trap in moisture.

'What I am careful to do, is to avoid using soaps and detergents, shower gels, and shampoos. I don't use shampoo, I use a conditioner,' the doctor said on the show.

'It's really important that you don't let that wash over your skin. I think you should avoid detergents wherever possible because they damage the skin.'

He explained that the top layer of the skin acts as a barrier. Using detergents can weaken it and allow allergens to enter.

'The top layer of the skin, is a skin barrier. It prevents water escaping and it prevents pathogens from getting in, which is bacteria, but it also prevents allergens getting in.

'But there are some areas of the skin which are very thin like round the eyes, the fronts of the elbows, the backs of the knees - these are the areas where we get eczema.'

Asked by presenter Phillip Schofield if we were 'too clean', Dr George nodded and said 'yes'.

He encouraged parents of children under two years of age to avoid using any form of soap because it can make little ones vulnerable to allergies.

He added that if parents get skincare wrong at the early stages it can act as a foundation for further problems in childhood.

'On babies it is particularly important,' he said.

'Don't use soap or detergent, you can use any of the proprietary emollients that are on the market as a soap substitute...^{*4}

Feminist Double Standard:



This is Barbie. Throughout the years, she has been the center of much controversy, because feminists claim she represents an unrealistic, unhealthy and unfair standard of beauty, leading to a "crisis" for young girls and their self-esteem.



This is
He-Man.

ABOVE: MEME 'HIGHLIGHTS THE CONTRADICTION OF FEMINISTS CLAIMING TO BE THE ONLY VICTIMS OF UNREALISTIC ROLE MODELS' *5

"A society that puts equality—in the sense of equality of outcome—ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom. The use of force to achieve equality will destroy freedom, and the force, introduced for good purposes, will end up in the hands of people who use it to promote their own interests." —*Milton Friedman*

"Half the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm—but the harm does not interest them. Or they do not see it, or they justify it because they are absorbed in the endless struggle to think well of themselves." —*T.S. Eliot*

Germany: Wave of Muslim Honor Killings

The trial of a Kurdish man who tied one of his three wives to the back of a car and dragged her through the streets of a town in Lower Saxony has drawn attention to an outbreak of Muslim honor violence in Germany...

Offenses include refusing to agree to an arranged marriage, entering into a relationship with a non-Muslim or someone not approved by the family, refusing to stay in an abusive marriage or living an excessively Western lifestyle. In practice, however, the lines between crimes of honor and crimes of passion are often blurred and any challenge to male authority can elicit retribution, which is sometimes staggeringly brutal.

On May 22, a court in Hanover heard how a 39-year-old Turkish-born Kurd named Nurettin B. attempted to murder his second wife, Kader K., 28, after she asked him to provide financial support for their two-year-old son. State Prosecutor Ann-Kristin Fröhlich reconstructed Nurettin B.'s actions:

"At around 6PM on November 20, 2016, Nurettin B. got into his car in Hamelin to meet Kader K. The trunk contained a knife, an ax and a rope. Sitting on the back seat of the car was their two-year-old son, who had spent the weekend with him. On the street, the former couple got into an argument and he begins hitting her. Then he takes the knife and plunges it into her chest. The 12.4 centimeter long blade penetrates the pericardium and heart muscle. A second stab opens the left abdominal cavity. Nurettin B. then pulls out the ax. With the blunt side he hits her head and upper body, cracking her skull.

"Then he grabs the rope. On one end he ties a gibbet knot around her neck, then he ties the other end to the trailer hitch on the back of his black VW Passat. Nurettin B. steps on the gas. He races through the streets at 80 km/h (50 mph). After 208 meters (680 feet) the rope breaks. Kader K. is hurled against the curb. Nurettin B. drives to the police station to turn himself in. The child is still sitting in the back seat."

Presiding Judge Wolfgang Rosenbusch asked Kader K., who was comatose for weeks, to tell her side of the story. She said "the horror" began immediately after their Islamic sharia wedding (the marriage is not valid according to German law) in March 2013, when Nurettin B. prohibited her from having any contact with friends and family. She was allowed to leave the house only for grocery shopping and medical visits. She was not allowed to have a mobile phone. Rosenbusch asked: "Does he have a problem with women?" Kader K. replied: "He believes women are slaves; they must keep silent."

Nurettin B. has confessed to the crime but insists it was not premeditated. He has been charged with attempted murder and faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

On May 9, a court in Kiel sentenced 35-year-old Turkish man to two-and-a-half years in prison for shooting his estranged wife in both knees and permanently laming her, in the hope that she would be unattractive to other men. The court heard how the man took his wife to the back of a local mosque after Friday prayers, accused her of offending his honor and shot her, saying: "Now you can no longer walk. You will stay at home."

In court, however, the woman, possibly under pressure from her family or the mosque, told the court that they couple had reconciled and would attend marriage counselling. Some observers surmised that the dispute may have been resolved in a sharia court. In any event, the German court allowed the man to return home with his wife and it remains unclear if and when he will serve his sentence.

In Münster, a court sentenced a 36-year-old Lebanese man named Amer K. to 12 years in prison for stabbing his wife to death. The court heard how Amer K. stabbed 26-year-old Fatima S., the mother of his three children, in the chest and neck more than twenty times with a large kitchen knife because he thought she wanted to divorce him.

Meanwhile, a court in Hanau sentenced a 22-year-old Syrian refugee to twelve years in prison for stabbing to death his 30-year-old sister, Ramia A., with a kitchen knife. She was 23 weeks pregnant and was accused of having brought shame to her family. Her unborn child also died in the attack.

The true scale of Germany's honor crime problem is unknown: many such crimes go unreported and reliable statistics do not exist. Empirical evidence indicates that honor violence—primarily but not exclusively the product of Muslim culture and Islamic law, sharia—has metastasized since Chancellor Angela Merkel allowed in some two million migrants from Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

In March 2011, the Max Planck Institute published a landmark study on honor killings. The study analyzed all such crimes known to have occurred in Germany between 1996 and 2005. The report found that there were two honor killings in 1998 and 12 in 2004. By 2016, however, the number had jumped to more than 60, an increase of 400%, according to the website Ehrenmord.

The actual number of honor crimes presumably is much higher. Increased censorship by the police and the media, aimed at stemming anti-immigration sentiments, makes it impossible to know the names and national origins of many victims or perpetrators, or the true circumstances surrounding many murders, which often appear to be honor killings but are downplayed as "domestic disputes" (*Familienangelegenheiten*).

2017 is nevertheless on track to be a record year for honor violence in Germany; in the first five months of this year, there have been at least 30 honor killings, including the following:

May 18. In **Berlin**, a 32-year-old Bosnian, Edin A., murdered his former girlfriend, a 35-year-old German woman named Michelle E., after she ended their abusive relationship. He also abducted and tortured her 12-year-old son, who was forced to watch his mother's murder. Neighbors said they had repeatedly alerted the police about Edin A.'s violent behavior, but the police did nothing.

May 17. In **Pforzheim**, a 53-year-old Tajik man stabbed to death his 50-year-old wife at her place of employment, a Christian daycare center. It remains unclear if the woman was a convert to Christianity.

May 17. In **Wardenburg**, a 37-year-old Iraqi man stabbed to death his 37-year-old wife while she was asleep in her bed. The couple's five children, between the ages of four and 15, were at home at the time of the murder and are now living with relatives.

May 8. In **Neuendettelsau**, a 24-year-old Ethiopian asylum seeker, Mohammed G., stabbed his 22-year-old girlfriend in the stomach at a restaurant after she allegedly "provoked" him. The woman was five months pregnant; the unborn baby died in the attack.

May 4. In **Freiburg**, a 33-year-old Syrian asylum seeker stabbed his 24-year-old wife, a Kurdish Christian who had moved out of the couple's apartment, but had returned to collect some personal belongings. The couple's three children—aged six, three and ten months—are now in protective custody.

April 29. In **Prien am Chiemsee**, a 29-year-old Afghan man stabbed to death a 38-year-old Afghan woman, Farima S., who had converted to Christianity. The attacker ambushed the woman as she was exiting a grocery store with her two children.

April 23. In **Syke**, a 32-year-old Iraqi man, Murad B., strangled his 32-year-old wife, Mehe K., in front of the couple's three children, ages one, two and nine.

April 23. In **Dresden**, a 29-year-old Pakistani refugee, Shahajan Butt, murdered his girlfriend, a 41-year-old Vietnamese woman named Thu T. Police say the man, who arrived in Germany in December 2015, became enraged after he noticed that the woman had not posted any photos of him on her Facebook page, and suspected that she may have had another boyfriend.

April 16. In **Mainz-Finthen**, a 39-year-old Egyptian asylum seeker stabbed to death his 32-year-old wife. Police said the couple had been arguing at the time of the attack. Their two children are being held in protective custody.

April 5. In **Leipzig**, a 34-year-old Syrian man stabbed his 28-year-old wife because she wanted a divorce. The couple's two children witnessed the attack; they are being held in protective custody.

March 31. In **Gütersloh**, a 43-year-old Syrian man burned his 18-year-old daughter with a cigarette and threatened to kill her. When the police intervened, the father refused to allow his daughter to leave the house. After police succeeded in bringing the girl to safety, the father and son attacked the police, who used pepper-spray to fend them off. The girl is being held in protective custody.

March 15. In **Kiel**, a 40-year-old German-Turkish man stabbed to death his 34-year-old Turkish wife in front of a daycare center. Neighbors said the couple, who were separated, had quarreled about moving their three children to Turkey.

March 4. In **Duisburg**, a 30-year-old Syrian asylum seeker, Mahmood Mahrusseh, stabbed his 32-year-old ex-girlfriend. The woman survived; her attacker remains at large.

March 3. In **Mönchengladbach**, a 32-year-old asylum seeker, Ahmed Salim, murdered a 47-year-old German woman, Nicole M., apparently after she ended a relationship with him. The man, who also uses the alias Jamal Amilia, was arrested in Spain. In his asylum application, he had written that he was from Israel. In another asylum application filed in another country, he had written that he was from Morocco. He is believed to be from Iraq.

March 2. In **Scheeßel**, a 42-year-old Iraqi man stabbed to death his 52-year-old wife, also from Iraq. Police described the murder as an honor killing. The couple's children are now in protective custody.

February 25. In **Euskirchen**, a 32-year-old German-Turkish man stabbed to death his former girlfriend, a 32-year-old German woman who had begun dating someone else.

February 17. In **Offenbach**, a 32-year-old Turkish man, Volkan T., shot to death his former girlfriend, a 40-year-old woman, Silvia B. The man said he was angry that the woman, who had two children, had ended her relationship with him.

February 15. In **Bielefeld**, a 51-year-old Iraqi man tried to murder his 51-year-old wife by attacking her with a hammer while she was attending a German class at a local language academy. The man was apparently angry that his wife was mixing with other language students.

February 10. In **Ahaus**, a 27-year-old Nigerian asylum seeker stabbed to death a 22-year-old woman after she seemingly offended his honor by rejecting his romantic advances. The woman, a Hindu, was employed at the same asylum shelter where her attacker lived. He was arrested in Basel, Switzerland.

February 7. In **Hanover-Mühlenberg**, a 21-year-old Serbian man stabbed his ex-girlfriend after she ended their relationship and had begun dating someone else.

February 1. In **Hamburg**, a 26-year-old Afghan man stabbed his estranged 28-year-old wife during an argument; she survived the attack.

January 15. In **Bremen-Vegesack**, a 39-year-old Turkish man murdered his 40-year-old Syrian wife, who was nine months pregnant, because she wanted to divorce him. The unborn baby also died during the attack.

January 5. In **Waldshut-Tiengen**, a 47-year-old Turkish man stabbed his estranged wife as she was walking with a friend. When she tried to run away, he pursued her and plunged a knife in her back.

January 4. In **Köln-Buchheim**, a 44-year-old Iraqi man murdered his 19-year-old daughter because he did not approve of her boyfriend. Two days later, he called police. "I killed my daughter," he said. The man may never face justice; he is believed to have fled to Iraq. *6



ABOVE: PHOTO BY PORAS CHAUDHARY — 'A NAGA SADHU (HOLY MAN) BREAKS AN INITIATE'S PENIS TO DISABLE HIS BODILY PASSION' *7

Schools That Give Away Condoms See More Teen Births...

In the early 1990s, with panic over the AIDS epidemic rising, hundreds of school districts began making condoms more accessible to students. The hope was to encourage students to practice safe sex and better protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases.

A new research paper suggests that decision may have backfired. It finds that access to condoms in school led to a 10 percent increase in teen births. The effects were concentrated in schools that offered condoms with no required counseling. Those schools also saw that gonorrhea rates for women rose following the condom programs.

It's possible that teens did engage in riskier behavior with the condoms available. Or teenage girls might have decided to use the condoms—which have an especially high failure rate—instead of birth control pills, which are more effective at preventing pregnancy. The research paper isn't able to answer why teen births went up in the areas where schools gave out free condoms. But it does call into question some of the unintentional side effects of making the contraceptive more freely available...

A Colorado school district was the first to create a school-based condom program, in 1989. Other districts quickly followed when the country's largest school district—New York City Public Schools—implemented its own program in 1991. The second-largest school district, the one that serves Los Angeles, followed suit in 1992.

Most schools made condoms available through a staff member, like a nurse or counselor. A much smaller number gave students access to condoms from baskets or vending machines.

And many schools requested students receive some level of counseling when requesting a condom, including instruction on the proper method of use and information about the contraceptive's high failure rate (18 percent of regular condom users become pregnant within a year due to misuse).

Kasey Buckles and Daniel Hungerman, the study's authors, looked at the schools that made condoms available with and without counseling. They looked at the teen births in those places and compared them with the birth rates of two other groups: teen girls in places without school condom programs and slightly older girls (those ages 20 to 24) in the same location. They studied the last group to see whether trends diverged between similarly aged women when the condom distribution programs started.

In both cases, they saw that the teen girls in areas with school condom programs had 10 percent higher-than-expected birth rates. This change was concentrated among schools that gave condoms away without counseling.

"Programs with counseling may have seen no change or perhaps a decline in teen fertility," Buckles and Hungerman write.

They also found that rates of gonorrhea were higher among teenage girls in schools with condom programs, with an additional 2.43 cases per 1,000 women. Again, these effects were mostly concentrated in schools that gave away condoms without counseling...

In any case, the results should inform how schools moving forward design condom access programs—and think about the right level of counseling that ought to come with them. ^{*8}

'Tyrannical students': Former Harvard Professor Speaks

Says pupils 'moving to the absurd,' criticizes faculty and administrators

Watching student protests spread like wildfire across college campuses nationwide, a former Harvard Law School professor of 50 years is speaking out, warning that students are “moving to the absurd,” and faculty and administrators are doing nothing to stop it.

“It’s gotten to the point where it is so abused and so hypocritical, and yet nobody is concerned,” Alan Dershowitz told The Daily Signal in a phone interview. “After 50 years of teaching at Harvard, I have never met a less courageous group of people than tenured faculty.”

The last thing administrators or faculty want to do is get into fights with minority students, because then they’re perceived as being racists and sexists and homophobes, and these are epithets that are hard to respond to. So it’s much easier to go with the flow and be popular, particularly with the most vocal students.

Dershowitz, a Jewish native of Brooklyn who’s been called “the nation’s most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer,” speaks to the protests from experience. Throughout his career, Dershowitz says his pro-Israel advocacy work triggered anti-Semitic and hateful protests from students when he would speak on college campuses.

But those protests, he said, you never read about in the news.

“At Johns Hopkins University, when I delivered the Milton Eisenhower lectures, I was defaced with Hitler mustaches painted on my face,” he said.

There’s clearly a double standard. Minority students, gay students, transgender students, Arab students generally have a greater leverage and a greater voice, and their grievances are taken far more seriously than the legitimate grievances of Jewish students, Zionist students, Christian students, conservative students.

Dershowitz believes that protests are a legitimate exercise of free speech “as long as the protests don’t call for other people to lose their right of free speech.”

But the recent protests sweeping across college campuses, he said, are anything but.

“It started at Harvard with Larry Summers being fired, and once the faculty and the students saw that they had this kind of power...it’s very hard not to use it, because if you don’t use it, you’re regarded as a sellout.”

And then it moved to University of Missouri, where apparently there were some racial tensions and problems. There may have been good reason for a transition of leadership. That may be correct. But then you move to the absurd, where at Yale they’re spitting at somebody who was talking about free speech. Or where they ban the showing of “The Vagina Monologues” because it doesn’t take into account transgender. Well, let transgenders write their own plays. Everybody should write their own plays. The idea that you can’t have a play about “The Vagina Monologues” because it doesn’t include transgender is just blatantly absurd.

The most recent example took place at Princeton University, where students are protesting to remove President Woodrow Wilson’s name from all school buildings because he supported racial segregation.

Among other demands, Planet Princeton reported that students “called on the school to provide a dedicated space on campus for black students that is clearly marked.”

According to the Associated Press, Princeton University President Chris Eisgruber ended a 32-hour sit-in by signing an agreement with the students to “look into the legacy of alumnus and former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson.”

Dershowitz believes that all incidents of alleged racism and discrimination on college campuses should be investigated, addressed, and used as a “teaching moment” for students. But by giving in to the protesters’ “abused” demands, he said, faculty and administrators are relinquishing their primary duty of ensuring that “the exchange of ideas, the free expression of points of view, is never compromised.”

“It’s time for some brave administrators to stand up to these student hypocrites, and these are tyrannical students who think the truth is on their side and there’s no reason to hear opposing points of view,” Dershowitz said.

But that, he added, would require a “brave administrator or a brave faculty member.”

I wish I were still back teaching actively, because I would be standing up to them. ⁹



ABOVE: MEME ORIGIN UNKNOWN — ‘THIS MOB COULD BE REPLACED WITH ANY GROUP REPRESENTING PASSIONATE IDEOLOGIES TODAY’

That Every Mensch Be Armed

... Every few years, the “gun ownership would have stopped the Holocaust” argument pops up in the aftermath of a tragedy like a mass shooting, or during a worse tragedy like a U.S. presidential election. It’s important to understand why the “sheeny get your gun” meme is, from a Holocaust-history point of view, utter rubbish, but it’s even more important to understand why the meme is symbolic of how the gun rights lobby often loses in the court of public opinion.

Let’s start with the historical stuff. The notion that if the German Jewish population had been well armed the Holocaust would have been avoided is asinine. Jews represented less than 1% of the prewar German population (500,000 people in a nation of 67 million). Even if every single Jew had a rifle, the Nazis had a massive police force and an army with the most modern weaponry available at the time. During the first eight years of Nazi rule, Jews were not the primary target of the police state. Rather, the Gestapo busied itself with real or perceived political enemies, many of them communists, some Russian-backed. Those people *did* have weapons and access to weapons, but that made little difference. The Nazis were a superior force. That the Nazis successfully rounded up and imprisoned trained, armed partisans is not theory, it’s fact.

FNC’s Ablow claims that if only the German Jews had physically resisted, if only they’d attempted to “crush the skull or scratch out the eyes of any Nazi who turned his back for one moment,” it would have led “the people of that country and the world to be moved to action by their bold refusal to be enslaved.” That’s rich. From 1933 through 1941, the legal rights of German Jews were indeed curtailed, but not to an extent worse than the restrictions imposed upon blacks in America or nonwhites in England’s vast colonial empire. The ruling powers in the West would not likely have stood up and applauded the idea that an oppressed people should skull-crush and eye-gouge anyone who deprives them of the right to marry who they please or own property where they choose. To say that rampant eye-poking and skull-cracking in the face of government oppression (officially known as the Stooze Strategy) would have been a reward in its own right, as many of my anarcho-libertarian friends would argue, is one thing; but to claim that it would have prevented the Holocaust is another. Such an assertion is pure pseudohistorical fantasy.

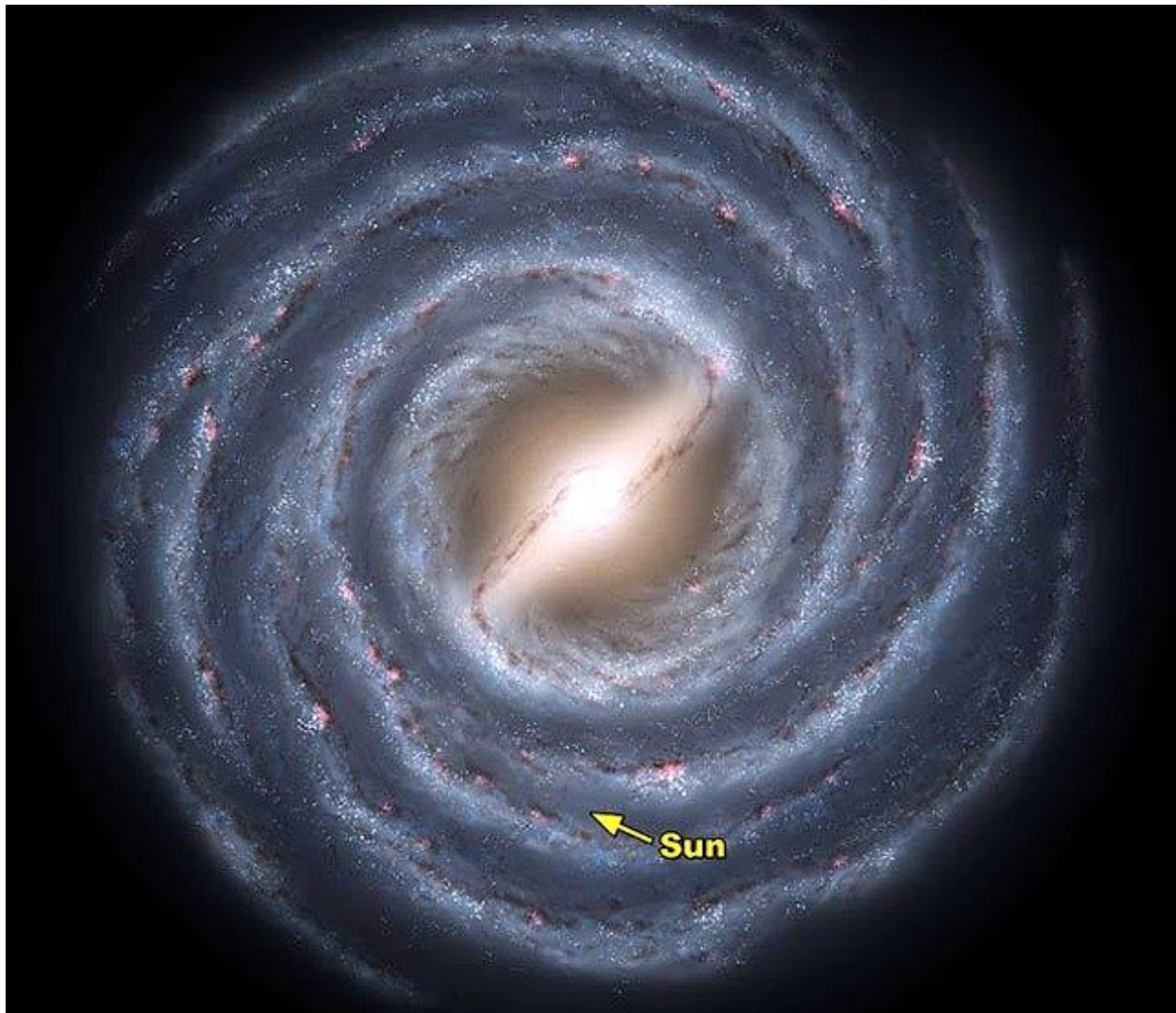
Every time resistance *did* occur, it merely worsened the Jews’ precarious situation. In November 1938, Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old German-born Jew living illegally in France, walked into a gun shop and purchased a revolver and bullets. France had no waiting period, no background check, no restrictions on him being a Jew, an illegal alien, or 17 years old. The seller even helped him choose the right model, and he gave the kid a quick tutorial on shooting. Armed with his new purchase, Grynszpan walked to the German embassy and assassinated a German diplomat as revenge for the fact that his parents had been deported from Germany back to Poland (yes, he was upset that his parents were forced to leave Germany, but that’s a whole “nother story”). The assassination led to the orgy of anti-Jewish destruction known as Kristallnacht. Kristallnacht was condemned by many in the U.S. and England, but the fact that Kristallnacht “moved the world” did nothing to prevent the Holocaust.

As the Grynszpan case illustrates, Jews in France had easy access to guns, and a fat lot of good that did in preventing the Nazi invasion of that nation and the deportation of many Jews from French territory. This rather handily blows Carson and Ablow’s theory out of the water. Plus, the majority of Jews killed during the Holocaust were *not* German Jews. German gun laws didn’t apply to preinvasion Poland and Russia. The Polish and Russian Jews killed during the Holocaust were citizens of nations that did indeed fight back against the Nazis. They fought, and they lost to a superior military force.

And here we see the problem with what I call “utopian” pro-gun arguments, the kinds that claim “this wouldn’t have happened to a well-armed populace.” It’s bunk. Armed people are defeated by other armed people every day of the week, whether on a grand scale (one army triumphing over another) or a small one (an armed hood shot dead by an armed cop). Being armed might be practical in many situations, but it isn’t a panacea. Unfortunately, like anyone with a good idea, gun rights people often become evangelists, making promises that are simply unrealistic.

It’s a good idea not to smoke; it’s a *damn* good idea. But avoiding cigarettes will not guarantee you a long life. Nonsmokers drop over prematurely all the time.

“Gun rights could’a stopped the Holocaust” is just one of many gun memes rooted in false utopian promises. The right to bear arms will no more guarantee that you won’t get “Holocausted” than it will guarantee that the government won’t force you to stand down and accept its dictates. During the fight over segregation in the South, which side had the most guns? The blacks, or the “segregation now, segregation forever” good ol’ boys? But even though the pro-segregationists had the guns, they still stood down when Eisenhower sent in the National Guard. The National Guard had *more* guns... *10



ABOVE: IMAGE BY UW-MADISON UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS — ‘OUR SOLAR SYSTEM IS PART OF A GREATER SPIRALING UNIVERSE’ *11

Fossil Footprints Challenge Established Theories of Evolution



ABOVE: PHOTO BY ANDRZEJ BOCZAROWSKI — THE FOOTPRINTS WERE DISCOVERED BY GERARD GIERLINSKI... BY CHANCE WHEN HE WAS ON HOLIDAY ON CRETE IN 2002. GIERLINSKI, A PALEONTOLOGIST AT THE POLISH GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE SPECIALIZED IN FOOTPRINTS, IDENTIFIED THE FOOTPRINTS AS MAMMAL BUT DID NOT INTERPRET THEM FURTHER AT THE TIME. IN 2010 HE RETURNED TO THE SITE TOGETHER WITH GRZEGORZ NIEDZWIEDZKI (2ND AUTHOR), A POLISH PALEONTOLOGIST NOW AT UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, TO STUDY THE FOOTPRINTS IN DETAIL. TOGETHER THEY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE FOOTPRINTS WERE MADE BY HOMININS. *12

Ever since the discovery of fossils of *Australopithecus* in South and East Africa during the middle years of the 20th century, the origin of the human lineage has been thought to lie in Africa. More recent fossil discoveries in the same region, including the iconic 3.7 million year old Laetoli footprints from Tanzania which show human-like feet and upright locomotion, have cemented the idea that hominins (early members of the human lineage) not only originated in Africa but remained isolated there for several million years before dispersing to Europe and Asia. The discovery of approximately 5.7 million year old human-like footprints from Crete, published online this week by an international team of researchers, overthrows this simple picture and suggests a more complex reality.

Human feet have a very distinctive shape, different from all other land animals. The combination of a long sole, five short forward-pointing toes without claws, and a hallux ("big toe") that is larger than the other toes, is unique. The feet of our closest relatives, the great apes, look more like a human hand with a thumb-like hallux that sticks out to the side. The Laetoli footprints, thought to have been made by *Australopithecus*, are quite similar to those of modern humans except that the heel is narrower and the sole lacks a proper arch. By contrast, the 4.4 million year old *Ardipithecus ramidus* from Ethiopia, the oldest hominin known from reasonably complete fossils, has an ape-like foot. The researchers who described *Ardipithecus* argued that it is a direct ancestor of later hominins, implying that a human-like foot had not yet evolved at that time.

The new footprints, from Trachilos in western Crete, have an unmistakably human-like form. This is especially true of the toes. The big toe is similar to our own in shape, size and position; it is also associated with a distinct 'ball' on the sole, which is never present in apes. The sole of the foot is proportionately shorter than in the Laetoli prints, but it has the same general form. In short, the shape of the Trachilos prints indicates unambiguously that they belong to an early hominin, somewhat more primitive than the Laetoli trackmaker. They were made on a sandy seashore, possibly a small river delta, whereas the Laetoli tracks were made in volcanic ash.

'What makes this controversial is the age and location of the prints,' says Professor Per Ahlberg at Uppsala University, last author of the study.

At approximately 5.7 million years, they are younger than the oldest known fossil hominin, *Sahelanthropus* from Chad, and contemporary with *Ororin* from Kenya, but more than a million years older than *Ardipithecus ramidus* with its ape-like feet. This conflicts with the hypothesis that *Ardipithecus* is a direct ancestor of later hominins. Furthermore, until this year, all fossil hominins older than 1.8 million years (the age of early *Homo* fossils from Georgia) came from Africa, leading most researchers to conclude that this was where the group evolved. However, the Trachilos footprints are securely dated using a combination of foraminifera (marine microfossils) from over- and underlying beds, plus the fact that they lie just below a very distinctive sedimentary rock formed when the Mediterranean sea briefly dried out, 5.6 million years ago. By curious coincidence, earlier this year, another group of researchers reinterpreted the fragmentary 7.2 million year old primate *Graecopithecus* from Greece and Bulgaria as a hominin. *Graecopithecus* is only known from teeth and jaws.

During the time when the Trachilos footprints were made, a period known as the late Miocene, the Sahara Desert did not exist; savannah-like environments extended from North Africa up around the eastern Mediterranean. Furthermore, Crete had not yet detached from the Greek mainland. It is thus not difficult to see how early hominins could have ranged across south-east Europe and well as Africa, and left their footprints on a Mediterranean shore that would one day form part of the island of Crete.

'This discovery challenges the established narrative of early human evolution head-on and is likely to generate a lot of debate. Whether the human origins research community will accept fossil footprints as conclusive evidence of the presence of hominins in the Miocene of Crete remains to be seen,' says Per Ahlberg. ^{*12}

Did Aliens Create and Maintain the Universe?

How did the universe get started?

With the Big Bang theory under assault, science and philosophy are fishing for new theories—seemingly anything but the Bible's Genesis account.

The latest idea comes from a Columbia University astrophysicist who suggests the universe may have been created and maintained by non-human life forms that morphed into the physical world and remain the driving force behind quantum physics.

Professor Caleb Scharf is behind the radical theory that the universe is what remains of intelligent alien life that controls all aspects of the physical world—from gravity to the speed of light.

In an article for the science journal *Nautilus*, Scharf wrote that alien life could exist in the behavior of subatomic particles and the expansion of the universe.

"Perhaps hyper-advanced life isn't just external," he said. "Perhaps it's already all around. It is embedded in what we perceive to be physics itself. In other words, life might not just be in the equations. It might be the equations." His theory suggests alien life forms have already turned themselves into living machines.

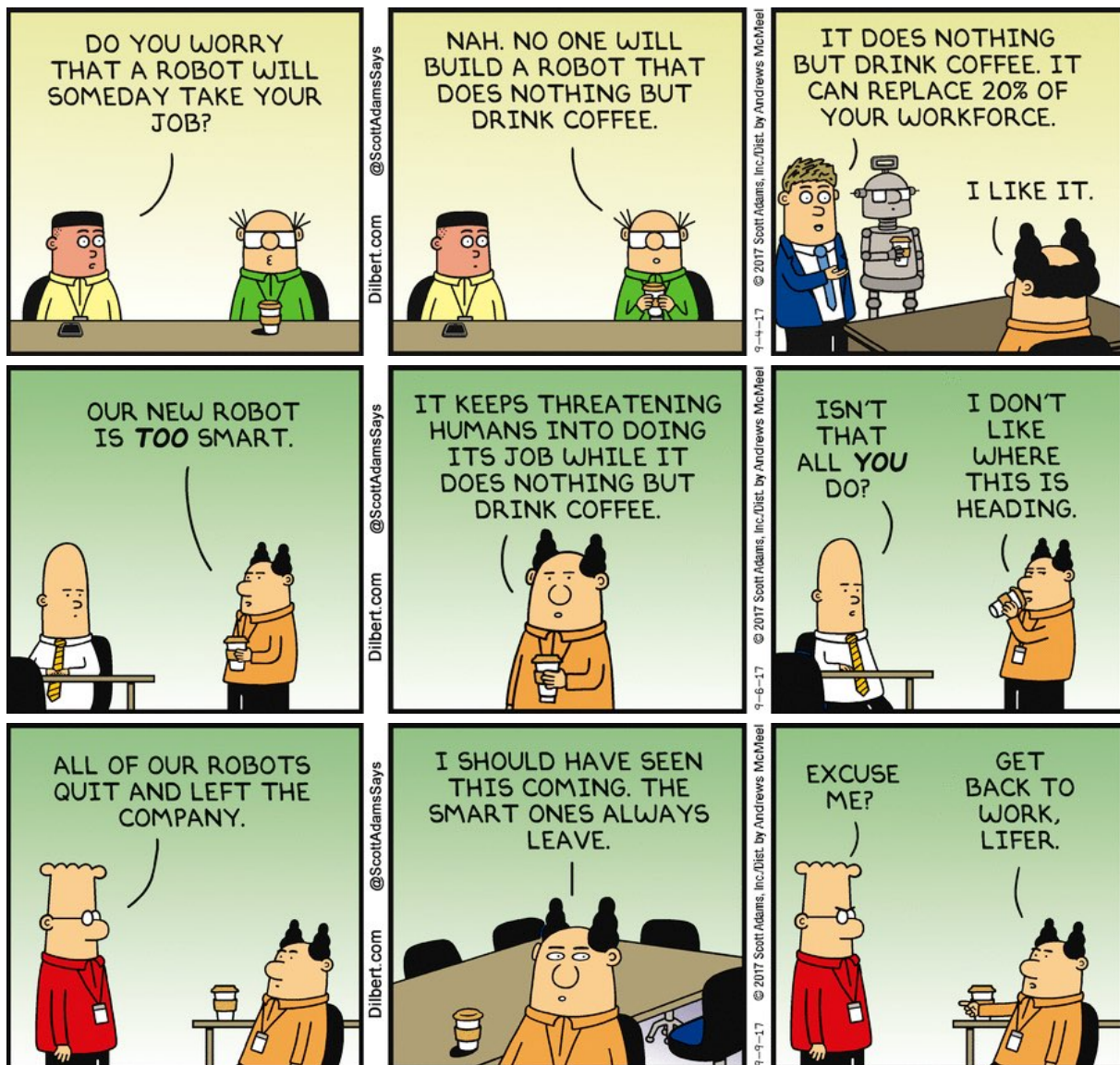
Humanity also faces this prospect when its creations overtake its own intelligence, defined as “singularity.”

Taking the theory a step further, Scharf said hyper-advanced aliens may have gone beyond turning themselves into machine creatures and gone as far as becoming a complex physical system.

“If you’re a civilization that has learned how to encode living systems into different [materials], all you need to do is build a normal-matter-to-dark-matter data-transfer system: a dark matter 3D printer,” Scharf explained.

His theory centers around the idea that mankind has not detected “advanced life because it forms an integral and unsuspecting part of what we’ve considered to be the natural world.”

However, others question whether there is any evidence to support the theory and whether it is just a way to explain existence apart from God. ^{*13}



ABOVE (READ BY ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT): DILBERT COMICS BY SCOTT ADAMS — ‘CONSIDERS HUMANITY’S PURPOSE LIVING IN A BODY’ *14

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