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# HIGHLIGHTS

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**CAPITAL RESEARCH CENTER'S TOP INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS, DR. STEVEN ALLEN AND MATTHEW VADUM, REPORTED LIVE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS IN PHILADELPHIA AND CLEVELAND.**

They bring a perspective that many reporters cannot, with both having served as delegates to previous conventions. Allen is the only person to have served as a delegate for President Ronald Reagan during all three of his national campaigns, in 1976, 1980, and 1984. In 1980, Allen also served as a member of the Republican Convention Rules Committee, which led him to become the Senior Researcher and Convention Rules Expert for Newt Gingrich's 2012 campaign..

In Cleveland, Allen interviewed another expert on the rules, David Norcross of the Republican National Lawyers Association. With the excitement and confusion surrounding the move to unbind delegates, the two discussed what happened and what didn't happen on the floor at the convention. The full video of the interview is available here: <http://bit.ly/2bvezpzM>.

In the following pages are some of the best articles from the conventions, written directly from the midst of the action. For Vadum, CRC's Senior Vice President, these were his fourth and fifth conventions. For Allen, CRC's Vice President and Chief Investigative Officer, these were his ninth and tenth conventions. Despite having attended so many conventions through the years, Allen and Vadum agreed, this year's conventions were anything but conventional.



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CLEVELAND, OHIO — The central section of this city is on a war footing. Everywhere, there are barriers—fences and concrete Jersey barriers and, parked in mid-street, trucks full of sand or gravel—cutting through streets and around parks, turning the area into interlocking mazes, rendering navigation apps almost useless, complicating intolerably such simple tasks as connecting with an Uber or crossing the street. Everywhere, cops in cars and on bikes and on foot, and military in camo, and stern men in suits and sunglasses. Everywhere, there is unease.

This isn't like the national political conventions I've attended in Kansas City, Detroit, New Orleans, San Francisco, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, and New York City. Yes, things changed after 9/11, and the security level at each convention has risen. But this is like a city under siege because this is a country and a civilization under siege, from Islamofascism and from the War on Cops ("Pigs in a blanket, fry 'em like bacon!"/"What do we want? Dead cops! When do we want 'em? Now!").

The War on Cops is fueled by the narrative, put forth by politicians named Clinton, Obama, and Lynch (the attorney general), that we are suffering from an epidemic of shootings of innocent, unarmed African-Americans by "white" racist cops. The narrative is a lie, but lying is something that many politicians do quite well.

Steve Loomis, president of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association, knows the origin of the War on Cops: "The President of the United States validated a false narrative and the nonsense that Black Lives Matter and the media are

pressing out there to the public. He validated with his very divisive statements. And now we see an escalation. This has got to end. . . . It's a false narrative and people [are] politicizing the false narrative . . ."

Loomis shamed not only President Obama but Governor Mark Dayton (D-Minnesota), who, without any known basis, blamed a questionable fatal shooting by an officer on racism. (The officer, whom the media assumed was "white," turned out to be Latino.) "That we have a President of the United States and the governor of Minnesota making

a statement less than one day after the police involved shootings—Those police-involved shootings are what absolutely has triggered in rash of senseless murders of law enforcement officers across the country. It is reprehensible."

Loomis asked, "How the hell did we ever become the bad guys in this country? I cannot imagine how we got here. It is the irresponsible reporting of the media and irresponsible statements from people who are credible—like the President, like celebrities."

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party, during the convention next week at which Hillary Clinton is to be nominated for president, will pay tribute to Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin, and Lezley McSpadden, mother of Michael Brown. Martin was killed when, unaware his victim was armed, he attempted a (mistaken) gay bashing; Brown assaulted an Indian-American convenience store clerk half his size, then fought a police officer over the officer's gun in an apparent murder attempt, and was shot and killed by the officer.

The supposed epidemic of racist violence by cops and quasi-cops is a lie. Witnesses and physical evidence cleared George Zimmerman and Darren Wilson in the Martin and Brown cases. It now appears that the police officers in the Freddie Gray case in Baltimore were innocent, and three of them, including the most seriously accused, are African-American.

It is true that there have been questionable cases, and even cases in which officers clearly committed wrongdoing, as happened in Charleston. It's also true that, in decades past, police were part of the system of state-sponsored



discrimination that targeted African-Americans. (See my comments at <https://capitalresearch.org/2015/08/regarding-ferguson-its-the-pravda-that-counts/>.) But the numbers disprove the idea of an epidemic of shootings by “white” racist cops. The percentage of cop-involved shootings in which an African-American is killed is lower than the percentage of murders committed by African-Americans, lower than the percentage of cop-killings committed by African-Americans, and lower than the percentage of murder victims who are African-Americans. And “white” officers are apparently *less likely than Latino or African-American officers* to be involved in the deaths of African-Americans.

It’s a weird sort of racism if African-Americans are more racist toward African-Americans than “whites” are.

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Often, in politics, it’s the music, not the words. Politicians abuse language, twisting words so as to express the direct opposite of their words’ literal sense. (Such word-twisting is commonly called “Clintonian.” What a coincidence!)

When someone responds to an act of evil by moving quickly, without prompting, to point out that “There’s no justification for such an act,” he or she is really saying something along these lines: “There’s a rationale, an understandable reason for such an act, but that rationale is insufficient to justify the act. It’s an overreaction to a provocation. It’s counterproductive; the person who commits such an act will hurt the cause he seeks to promote.”

Here’s what Hillary Clinton said after police officers were

murdered in Baton Rouge: “There is no justification for violence, for hate, for attacks on men and women who put their lives on the line every day in service of our families and communities.”

Here’s what Barack Obama said about Baton Rouge: “We may not yet know the motives for this attack, but I want to be clear: There is no justification for violence against law enforcement. None. These attacks are the work of cowards who speak for no one. They right no wrongs. They advance no causes.”

Here’s what Loretta Lynch, the attorney general, said regarding the shootings of police officers in Dallas: “Americans across the county are feeling a sense of helplessness, of uncertainty and of fear. These feelings are understandable and they are justified. But the answer must not be violence. The answer is never violence.”

Notice a pattern?

If not, consider some hypotheticals:

What if, in the wake of the Lincoln assassination, President Andrew Johnson had declared, “I don’t care what they say. There is no cause so holy that it justifies the assassination of a president”? What holy cause is that?

What if FDR had said, “No injustice committed by the U.S. and its allies could possibly justify the attack on Pearl Harbor”? What injustice is that?

Or if George W. Bush, after 9/11, had noted that, “Muslims understandably are afraid of us, but flying airliners into buildings is never the answer”? What do you mean “understandably”?

How about this? “If someone wants to beat up an illegal alien, I get it, okay? But violence in such circumstances is not, y’know, OK.” What if Donald Trump had said that?

The comedian Chris Rock once satirized the Clinton/Obama/Lynch rhetorical trope, when he said of O.J. Simpson: “So you gotta look at O.J.’s situation. He’s paying \$25,000 a month in alimony, got another man driving around in his car and [having sex with] his wife in a house he’s still paying the mortgage on. Now I’m not saying he should have killed her. [pause] But I *understand*.”

I don’t doubt that Clinton, Obama, and Lynch shed tears over the loss of the lives of some of our nation’s finest. I don’t doubt their sincerity in wanting an end to the violence. But I can’t help but wonder, regarding their repeated insistence that no injustice can justify cop-killing: Who suggested otherwise?

*To whom are Clinton, Obama, and Lynch responding?*

To the voices they hear.





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# THE MEDIA GET THE TREATMENT THEY DESERVE

July 26, 2016 / By Dr. Steven J. Allen

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA — It's hot in Philly—95 degrees yesterday but it felt like 107, per my Dark Skies weather app, and it's supposed to be 93 or higher today. (Yesterday, on the asphalt outside the Wells Fargo Center, I got woozy from the heat. And I grew up on a chicken farm in Alabama.)

The AP reported at 8:15 p.m. Monday that, according to city officials, 41 people had been treated for heat-related problems or other injuries during protests related to the Democratic convention. They say 17 of those treated have been taken to hospitals to be evaluated. One security measure made it tougher for protesters: Officials blocked anyone without a credential for the Democratic convention from traveling to the subway stop next to the arena.

Thousands of protesters were scattered when the area was hit by a thunderstorm and flash flood. (An estimated 5,500 people protested here at some point Monday, with about 50 arrests.) The *Wall Street Journal* noted the case of a protester, John Puello, who “trekked from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the designated protest area near the Wells Fargo Center in South Philadelphia, to show his support for Mr. Sanders. But lightning and rain rolled in about 20 minutes after he got there. ‘The rain was like Raid roach spray and we all dispersed,’ Mr. Puello, a 22-year-old freelance video editor, said as he rode a subway back to Center City.”

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For the media, it's a mile-long walk along pavement once you get inside the barriers. Uber cars are funneled to an area outside the arena, where you can get lukewarm bottled

water while you wait for an Uber—an hour's wait after the convention recessed last night. In much of the convention area, air conditioning and Wi-Fi are weak.

Andrew Rosenthal of the *New York Times* said that, compared to other conventions, “this is the worst I've ever seen.”

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As one veteran public-relations expert told me, “The Republicans are always trying to get the media to love them. The Democrats take them for granted, and treat them like s\*\*\*.”

Therein lies the problem for the media. Many in the media believe that they haven't done enough to stop Trump, and that they must put aside any concerns about journalistic ethics in order to prevent him from becoming president. I know. I hang out with these people. During the Republican National Convention, I spent time in the media lounge and at the long tables where you could plug in your computer to work. I overheard them sneering at Trump



and at the Republicans they consider sellouts for not being NeverTrumpers.

Jay Rosen, who teaches journalism (!!) at New York University—he used to be the department chair—wrote in the *Washington Post* (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/in-theory/wp/2016/07/13/donald-trump-is-crashing-the-system-journalists-need-to-build-a-new-one/>) that Trump’s campaign obligates journalists to change the way they operate.

Traditionally, journalists have thought it “ethical” not to worry about the consequences of election coverage: as long as it was truthful, accurate and newsworthy, all was well. Here they may have to worry that their checking actions have no effect, and regroup around that discovery. . . .

I know what you’re thinking, journalists: “What do you want us to do? Stop covering a major party candidate for president? That would be irresponsible.” True. But this reaction short-circuits intelligent debate. Beneath every common practice in election coverage there are premises about how candidates will behave. I want you to ask: Do these still apply? Trump isn’t behaving like a normal candidate; he’s acting like an unbound one. In response, journalists have to become less predictable themselves. They have to come up with novel responses. They have to do things they have never done. They may even have to shock us.

They may need to collaborate across news brands in ways they have never known. They may have to call Trump out with a forcefulness unseen before. They may have to risk the breakdown of decorum in interviews and endure excruciating awkwardness. Hardest of all, they will have to explain to the public that Trump is a special case, and the normal rules do not apply.

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Finally, a reason for the media to commit ethical journalism! Because, if Clinton wins, they’ll get treated, um, appropriately.



CLEVELAND — Another day, another terrible court ruling undermining honest elections.

The ruling from the Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals struck down part of a common sense voter ID law in Texas.

This is especially worrisome because the Left is gearing up to go all out to put Hillary Clinton in the White House in November. A bad ruling weakening electoral integrity only emboldens left-wing fraudsters nationwide.

ACORN successor groups across America are conducting voter registration fraud drives in neighborhoods near you. For example, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) is registering voters in the San Francisco area. No good can come of this.

In this case the appeals court ordered a lower court to change parts of the 2011 Texas law to remove its “discriminatory effect.” Discriminatory effect is judicial supremacist speak for asking voters to take 30 seconds at the polls to prove they are eligible voters.

The ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals instructs a lower court to make changes that fix the “discriminatory effect” of the 2011 law.

The Obama administration intervened in the case because it felt the state law was unfair because it made Texas residents produce one of seven forms of approved identification. These judges agreed, ruling that low-income minority voters are too stupid to obtain such ID.

The Texas Democratic Party was overjoyed because the ruling opens the floodgates to voter fraud. It called the statute “the most restrictive and discriminatory Republican voter ID law” in America.





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# KHIZR KHAN ERASES HIS WEBSITE BUT WE GRABBED COPIES!

August 2, 2016 / By Matthew Vadum

Matthew Boyle reports at *Breitbart* that Khizr Khan, the controversial immigration lawyer who assailed Republican Donald Trump at the Democratic National Convention last week, has taken down his professional website.

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To make sure this part of the public record is preserved, we at Capital Research Center took it upon ourselves to copy the pages of the website from an archival service. Head to <https://capitalresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/merged.pdf> to see a PDF of the archived website.

Perhaps Khan is trying to cover up the fact that he worked almost 10 years for the law firm Hogan & Hartson —

now Hogan Lovells LLP — “which connects him directly with the government of Saudi Arabia and the Clintons themselves,” Boyle writes.

Hogan, by the way, was the law firm of disgraced former National Security Adviser Samuel R. “Sandy” Berger, the Clinton hack who stole sensitive government documents from the National Archive and destroyed them. He took a plea bargain in 2005 and pled guilty to misdemeanor removing classified material without authorization. As his *Washington Post* obituary states:

He was fined \$50,000, barred from access to classified material for three years, and sentenced by a federal judge to two years of probation and 100 hours of community service. Mr. Berger voluntarily relinquished his law license in 2007. He continued to advise political leaders, including Hillary Clinton and Obama, although in a muted fashion.

Saudi Arabia, which has given between \$10 million and \$25 million to the anticipatory bribe collection agency known as the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation, has used the services of the Hogan law firm. And Hillary herself has used the firm to handle her taxes and to “acquire the patents for parts of the technology she used in crafting her illicit home-brew email server that the FBI director called ‘extremely careless’ in handling classified information.”



Boyle reports:

This development is significant, as his website proved—as Breitbart News and others have reported—that he financially benefits from unfettered pay-to-play Muslim migration into America.

A snapshot of his now deleted website, as captured by the Wayback Machine which takes snapshots archiving various websites on the Internet, shows that as a lawyer he engages in procurement of EB5 immigration visas and other “Related Immigration Services.”

The EB5 program that “helps wealthy foreigners usually from the Middle East essentially buy their way into America, is fraught with corruption,” Boyle writes.

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) spoke about the flawed program in February.

“Maybe it is only here on Capitol Hill—on this island surrounded by reality—that we can choose to plug our ears and refuse to listen to commonly accepted facts,” Grassley said. “The Government Accountability Office, the media, industry experts, members of Congress, and federal agency officials, have concurred that the program is a serious problem with serious vulnerabilities.”

“There are also classified reports that detail the national security, fraud and abuse. Our committee has received numerous briefings and classified documents to show this side of the story,” Grassley said.

“The enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security wrote an internal memo that raises significant concerns about the program. One section of the memo outlines concerns that it could be used by Iranian operatives to infiltrate the United States. The memo identifies seven main areas of program vulnerability, including the export of sensitive technology, economic espionage, use by foreign government agents and terrorists, investment fraud, illicit finance and money laundering.”

So there’s that.

George Washington University Law School Professor John Banzhaf told SiriusXM host Stephen K. Bannon that Khan, who suggested Trump’s proposed immigration ban on Muslims was unconstitutional, is absolutely, unequivocally wrong. Banzhaf made it clear that the view of “virtually all constitutional professors who have written on the topic” is that Khan was wrong.

“A lot of people haven’t read the Constitution,” Banzhaf said, but they “kinda think anything which they don’t like, any proposal which they don’t like, is both unconstitutional and un-American.”



PHILADELPHIA — *Rules for Radicals* author Saul Alinsky would be proud of today’s Democratic Party.

Bernie Sanders supporters angry at how their candidate was railroaded by the Hillary Clinton disciples who run the Democratic National Committee are planning a fart-in to embarrass Clinton at her coronation.

“To carry out the protest, Sanders’ convention delegates are preparing to consume as many beans as they can before entering the convention hall in order send a strong-smelling message to the former secretary of state and the party,” reports the *New York Post*.

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Cheri Honkala, national coordinator for the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign, is identified as the organizer of the action. Dry beans and canned beans have been arriving in Philadelphia from across the fruited plain. “It shows the level of absolute disgust that we’re at — we think we’re going to remember 2016 as the year we begin to bury the two corporate political parties,” Honkala said.

“The fart-in is to raise attention about things that really stink in our society,” said Walter Tsou of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

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Alinsky, the father of modern community organizing, planned a fart-in in Rochester, New York, that was aimed at Eastman Kodak.

In 1972, not long before he died of a heart attack, Alinsky told *Playboy* all about his malodorous activism.

Rochester, he said, was “a Southern plantation transplanted to the North, and Kodak’s self-righteous paternalism makes benevolent feudalism look like participatory democracy. I call it Smugtown, U.S.A.”

The fart-in he was considering doing never actually took place but Alinsky delighted in telling reporters about his mischief. Citing rules from his opus, Alinsky explained how the completely lawful gas attack would work.

As far as being frivolous is concerned, I say if a tactic works, it’s not frivolous. Let’s take a closer look at this particular tactic and see what purposes it serves — apart from being fun. First of all, the fart-in would be completely outside the city fathers’ experience. Demonstrations, confrontations and picketings they’d learned to cope with, but never in their wildest dreams could they envision a flatulent blitzkrieg on their sacred symphony orchestra. It would throw them into complete disarray. Second, the action would make a mockery of the law, because although you could be arrested for throwing a stink bomb, there’s no law on the books against natural bodily functions. Can you imagine a guy being tried in court on charges of first-degree farting? The cops would be paralyzed. Third, when the news got around, everybody who heard it would break out laughing, and the Rochester Philharmonic and the establishment it represents would be rendered totally ridiculous. A fourth benefit of the tactic is that it’s psychically as well as physically satisfying to the participants. What oppressed person doesn’t want, literally or figuratively, to shit on his oppressors? Here was the closest chance they’d have. Such tactics aren’t just cute; they can be useful in driving your opponent up the wall. Very often the most ridiculous tactic can prove the most effective.

As wacky and icky as all of this may sound at first, Alinsky was no fool.

This human-powered mass stink-bombing just might accomplish something — but exactly what, I have no idea.

It’ll be fun observing this action on the floor of the Democratic National Convention but I don’t think I will seek a highly-coveted media floor pass to be there for it. I’ll stay up in the rafters of the Wells Fargo Center, perhaps with a gas mask at the ready.



# THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION WAS RIGGED. AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?

July 25, 2016 / By Dr. Steven J. Allen

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA — They cheated.

Democratic National Committee (DNC) e-mails, acknowledged as genuine, show that the Democratic Party itself worked to defeat Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and to win the party’s presidential nomination for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Last week, in his speech accepting the Republican nomination, Donald Trump said, “I have seen firsthand how the system is rigged against our citizens, just like it was rigged against Bernie Sanders—he never had a chance. Never had a chance.” At least with regard to Bernie Sanders, Trump has been proven correct.

The Democratic National Committee, which is the formal governing body of the Democratic Party, is obliged to remain neutral between serious candidates, and Sanders was certainly a serious candidate. Despite the best efforts of party operatives, Sanders ended up with roughly 12 million votes for the nomination. Clinton received 15 million, so Sanders got almost 45% of the vote between the two.

The DNC’s thumb-on-the-scale affected the contest in a number of ways. DNC communications resources were used to ridicule Sanders and downplay his chances of victory. DNC-sponsored debates were scheduled around holidays and on weekends in order to prevent Sanders from having a breakthrough performance. From the tone of these e-mails, it is reasonable to presume that the DNC provided inside information to the Clinton campaign. (Still to be investigated: whether federal election laws were violated in the coordination between the Clinton campaign and the DNC.)

The narrative of the campaign, set by the DNC as part of the Clinton machine, working through their agents and supporters in the major news media, was this: Bernie’s a grumpy old guy, kinda sweet, the sort of fellow who would be (and was) played by Larry David on *Saturday Night*



*Live*—principled, but unrealistic—what a shame that he doesn't stand a chance!

Perhaps most critically, the DNC ridiculed and downplayed concerns that the Clinton campaign stole the nation's first nomination contest, the Iowa caucuses. The national party, which should have stepped in to ensure an honest voting procedure, diverted attention from the questions raised about Clinton's narrow, apparent victory.

In the Iowa caucuses, Clinton was credited with a win, 49.8 percent to 49.6 percent, and 23 pledged (non-“super”) delegates to 21 for Sanders.

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*Without the cheating by the DNC and its chairman, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, it's entirely possible that the Democrats this week would be nominating someone other than Hillary Clinton.*

Clinton's campaign may have stolen Iowa, just as the Romney campaign stole Iowa from Rick Santorum in the 2012 campaign. Santorum was eventually declared the winner, too late for him to take advantage of the momentum he would have received from an Iowa win. Indeed, GOP operative Karl Rove argued after the Iowa and New Hampshire votes that, since Romney had won the first two contests, the other candidates should drop out of the race. Based on the dual wins, many top operatives and donors moved behind Romney as the likely nominee. Santorum's victory in Iowa, if reported at the time it occurred, might have changed the course of the 2012 GOP campaign.

Voting in Iowa is always chaotic, particularly in any campaign in which many new voters came into the process, inexperienced with the complicated rules of party caucuses. In Iowa in 2016, Clinton had huge advantages in the voting and in any possible recount process. The organization of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, governor from 1999-2007, was solidly in Clinton's corner (one reason that Vilsack was a finalist as Clinton's VP). The state Democratic chairman, who controlled the process (including the process for recounting votes), was a strong Clinton backer; she had an “HRC 2016” license plate on her Buick. And the state party made sure that no paper ballots were kept, so a full recount would have been impossible anyway.

How important was Clinton's Iowa “win”? In retrospect, it saved her candidacy.

In the New Hampshire primary eight days after the Iowa caucuses, Sanders blew Clinton out of the water, 60.1 percent to 37.7 percent, winning the pledged delegates 15 to 9.

Remember that Clinton lost Iowa to Barack Obama in 2008, but made a comeback by winning the follow-up vote in New Hampshire, keeping her campaign alive to the end of the competition. Imagine if, in 2016, she had lost Iowa to Sanders, then lost New Hampshire as well? Chances are, other Democrats would have jumped into the race, and there's a good chance that the Democratic Party would be nominating someone other than Clinton this week.

The DNC's secret cheating comes on top of the cheating that was done in the open—the fact that unelected “superdelegates,” ranging from members of Congress to top Democratic donors, got convention seats without having to compete in primaries, caucuses, or other democratic processes related to their vote for president. The voters were cut out of the process.

At every point in the 2016 campaign, when it looked as if Sanders might pull past Clinton, the DNC gang pointed to the fact that the superdelegates' support made it impossible for Sanders to win.

Without the cheating by the DNC and its chairman, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, it's entirely possible that the Democrats this week would be nominating someone other than Hillary Clinton.



The Bernie Sanders supporters here know this. I have encountered a number of them, and the ones with whom I've spoken are united in their contempt for Hillary Clinton and the corruption that, as they see it, she personifies.

“People need to understand that those e-mails were never meant to be made public,” explained Clinton operative Maria Cardona on CNN. (That's for sure!) “We cannot let people think that the whole process was rigged. Hillary Clinton won fair and square.”

Wasserman Schultz yesterday announced that she'll be leaving the chairmanship at the end of the convention. This morning, at a breakfast meeting of delegates, Wasserman



Schultz was booed and jeered. Never letting a tragedy go to waste, she attempted to talk about last night's deadly shooting in Fort Myers, but was met with shouts of "You rigged the election!" and "Shame on you!"

Commentator and Gore 2000 manager Donna Brazile will be the party's acting chairman. She has warned that there may be more revelations coming from the e-mails, for which party officials might need to apologize. WikiLeaks, which released the e-mails, claims that Brazile is "implicated" in the scandal.

The announcement that Wasserman Schultz would continue to serve as a spokesman for the Clinton campaign was seen by Sanders supporters as evidence that no real punishment would be inflicted on the outgoing chairman.

Yesterday, protesters in downtown Philadelphia chanted, "Hell, no, DNC! We won't vote for Hillary!"

A woman who said she was 60 years old and had "been a Democrat all my life" said yesterday afternoon that "I'm looking at my choices [for November]. I'll do whatever hurts Hillary. I might even vote for Trump." I was in a hotel lobby with a group of Sanders supporters when Hillary Clinton's picture, in the style of 1984's Big Brother, came on the TV screen as part of a CNN ad. They mocked Clinton. "Why do they have to show *her* picture?" lamented a woman wearing a delegate's badge.

The Sanders people are justifiably angry. The question is, what are they going to *do* about it?

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Hilariously, the Clinton campaign is suggesting that the revelation of the e-mails was done by Russian hackers in order to help Donald Trump. Right. The Clintons, who helped the Russians get control of 20 percent of the U.S. uranium supply in the crooked "Uranium One" deal (see <http://www.breitbart.com/hillary-clinton/2016/05/01/one-year-silence-hillary-clinton-uranium-deal/>), are being targeted by the Russians, who are backing Trump. The Russians, who presumably have thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of the 66,000+ State Department e-mails that Secretary Clinton stole and the 30,000+ she erased—e-mails full of incriminating information, or else she wouldn't have put herself in legal jeopardy by stealing and erasing them—those Russians are pulling for Trump, rather than for Clinton, whom they are in a position to blackmail from now 'til doomsday.

Hey guys! Even conspiracy theories have to make *some* sense.

## DID TWITTER SUPPRESS THE DNC WIKILEAKS STORY?

July 23, 2016 / By Matthew Vadum

Given what we know about Twitter and the leftists who run its Thought Police force, my off-the-cuff guess is **YES, Twitter did it**. Twitter doesn't deserve the presumption of innocence in the court of public opinion because it is a serial offender.

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According to the *Washington Examiner's* Rudy Takala:

Twitter lit up Friday night with allegations that it tried to suppress news that secret-leaking website Wikileaks exposed thousands of emails obtained from the servers of the Democratic National Committee.

Friday afternoon, users noted, "#DNCLeaks" was trending, with more than 250,000 tweets about it on the platform. By Friday evening, it vanished completely from the site's "trending" bar for at least 20 minutes. It returned as "#DNCLeak" after users erupted, though it was too late to quell their rage.

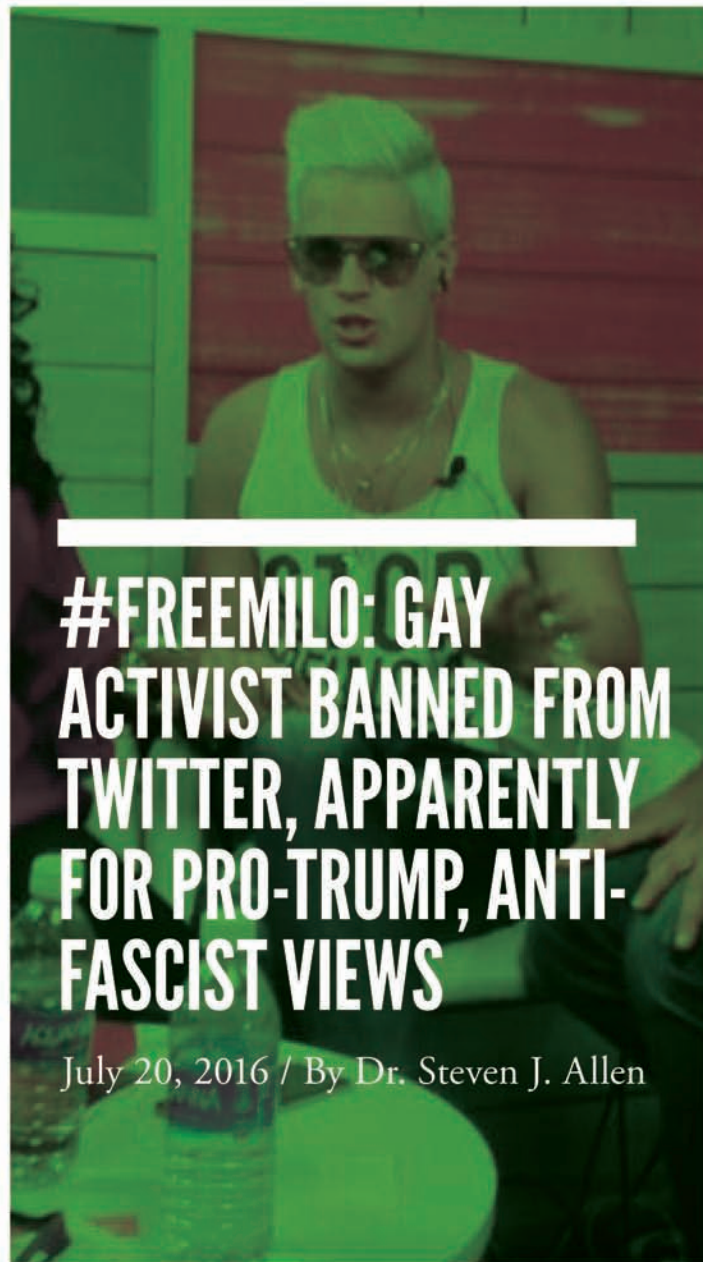
Why do I think Twitter suppressed the story? Because that's what the left-wing maniacs at Twitter do. These people can't help themselves.



In 2013 Twitter created a “Trust and Safety Council,” a group of left-wing organizations aiming to control speech online and decide for themselves which news sources can be trusted. This insidious council includes the Anti-Defamation League, Dangerous Speech Project, and Feminist Frequency among others—many of whom receive funding from the awful Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. MacArthur is the far-left philanthropy that hands out the goofy so-called Genius Awards to pseudo-intellectuals and rabble-rousers who ought to be laughed at. Among the official Geniuses are the endlessly whiny racist Ta-Nehisi Coates and labor agitator Ai-jen Poo. (To be clear, not all Genius awards are undeserved. Many recipients are scientific innovators and groundbreaking academics.)

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Lane Davis and Milo Yiannopoulos (who just found himself banned from Twitter for life) wrote about this terrible situation in our May *Foundation Watch* titled “MacArthur’s Thought Police” (which can be found here: <https://capitalresearch.org/2016/05/macarthurs-thought-police/>).



## #FREEMILO: GAY ACTIVIST BANNED FROM TWITTER, APPARENTLY FOR PRO-TRUMP, ANTI-FASCIST VIEWS

July 20, 2016 / By Dr. Steven J. Allen

Twitter, the social networking platform that once styled itself “the free speech wing of the free speech party,” yesterday issued a lifetime ban on gay anti-Islamofascism activist Milo Yiannopoulos. The ban was handed down 20 minutes before an event, held near the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, at which Milo, as he is known, was set to call for members of the LGBT community to support Donald Trump.

Although various media accounts suggested that Milo was banned for urging the harassment of comic actress Leslie Jones, those accounts did not offer any examples of such activity by Milo. *Breitbart News*, where Milo is technology editor, reported that “Milo was suspended [later, banned] despite the fact that he sent no abusive tweets to the actress.”



Jones recently quit Twitter, fed up with negative, often offensive comments she had received, including racist comments. Monday, Jones tweeted to approximately 254,000 followers: “Twitter I understand you got free speech I get it. But there has to be some guidelines when let spread like that.” [sic]



Milo’s supposedly offensive comments directed at Jones included his panning her new Ghostbusters movie as crude, sexist, and authoritarian; his joking reference to Jones as a “dude”; and his criticism of the grammatical skills (“barely literate”) that she displayed in her remarks on Twitter. In addition, he suggested that, as a celebrity, she should not be overly sensitive to negative comments. Jones, it should be noted, retweeted (reposted on Twitter) another person’s bigoted comment about Milo, calling him “the Uncle Tom of gays.”

After he was notified of the ban, Milo told the *Los Angeles Times*: “There’s a systemic bias against conservatives and libertarians [on Twitter]. The Progressive press is going to take their side, dishonestly suggesting that I was making life difficult for a black woman. . . . This is a political decision. With this they are sending a message to conservatives that they’re not welcome on Twitter.”

Twitter is known for its support of extremist causes.

Notably, Twitter has promoted the racist group Black Lives Matter, which has demanded prosecution of innocent police officers in high-profile cases involving criminals who were shot by police or who died in police custody.

*Breitbart’s* Ben Kew reported Tuesday night (July 19):

. . . [T]he platform has demonstrated an unashamed bias towards Progressive causes like Black Lives Matter, ignoring open calls for violence against police officers that emerged following both the Dallas and Baton Rouge shootings.

In further indication of its political biases, Twitter also let death threats against Republican Senators remain on the platform for months without taking action. . . .

Supporters of Milo, who had more than 338,000 followers on Twitter prior to his suspension, have created the #FreeMilo and #FreeNero hashtags on the platform in protest at Twitter’s latest attack on the conservative commentator. It is currently accumulating approximately 20-30 tweets a minute. Unless Twitter artificially suppresses the hashtag, it’s likely to stay trending throughout the night.

#FreeMilo is currently trending in the United States, at number 6 and rising rapidly.

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—Milo Yiannopoulos, Technology Editor at Breitbart

The event last night featuring Milo was held without incident, with a heavy police presence, at the Wolstein Center on the campus of Cleveland State University. In addition to Milo, the “Wake Up” event, a cross between a party and a political rally, featured Pamela Geller, Geert Wilders, and Chris Barron. Geller, president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, is best known as the sponsor of the “Draw the Prophet” cartoon contest in Garland, Texas in May 2015, which was targeted by two terrorists in the first ISIS attack on U.S. soil. Wilders is a Dutch politician, a leading contender for prime minister and his country’s leading opponent of Islamofascist



assaults on women and gays. Barron, who was a co-founder of the LGBT conservative/libertarian group GOProud, now heads the organization LGBTrump.

Groups representing the Gay Establishment, such as the left-wing Human Rights Campaign, are supporting Hillary Clinton in lockstep. However, because of Donald Trump's mostly libertarian attitude on social issues and his record of acceptance of LGBT people in his business organization, his candidacy is attractive to many in the LGBT community. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton's record has earned her much derision—a record that includes promoting Islamofascism, actively or through incompetence, in Egypt, Libya, and the Islamic State territory; supporting the deal that ended sanctions on Iran and that will eventually give that LGBT-hating government the atomic bomb; soliciting and accepting money for the Clinton Foundation from leaders of countries that execute gays; and the decision to honor, at next week's Democratic convention, the mother of Trayvon Martin, who was killed when he attempted a gay-bashing.



At last night's "Wake Up" event, when it was his time to speak, Milo came to the lectern wearing what appeared to be a bulletproof vest. He soon removed the vest, revealing a T-shirt with the slogan "We shoot back." That's a reference to the Orlando terrorist attack, in which an ISIS terrorist killed 49 people at a gay nightclub. Leftists responded by seeking to divert attention away from Islamofascist terrorism to the unrelated issue of "gun control" laws. (The shooter in Orlando, who had travelled twice to Saudi Arabia, used a standard handgun and a standard rifle, and had been cleared of terrorist ties by the FBI. In the aftermath of Orlando, proponents of "gun control" offered no proposals that would have deterred the terrorist.)

In a message about Orlando directed to the LGBT community, Attorney General Loretta Lynch declared that "our most effective response to terror is compassion, it's unity, and it's love." Her comment sparked outrage among those who believe that compassion, unity, and love may represent an inadequate response. The Obama administration's willful blindness on this issue was spotlighted last week when the *Washington Post* reported that the FBI had found "no evidence" of anti-gay sentiment in the Orlando attack. That's right—"no evidence" that the deadly assault on patrons of a gay nightclub, by a member of a group that supports the extermination of gays, was connected to anti-gay sentiment.

Milo announced during the "Wake Up" event that he would be leading a gay rights march through a Muslim enclave in Stockholm, Sweden. A 2014 study based on 2012 data showed that Sweden and Denmark had the highest rates of sexual assault in the European Union, fueled by mass immigration of men from Muslim countries where women are subjugated.

The Left has long claimed the simultaneous loyalty of most LGBT voters and of the supporters and enablers of Islamofascism. For the first time, the legitimacy of that claim is being challenged.





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