



Exercising the Right

Anti-gun Educators

There were some recent news stories that highlight how pervasive an anti-gun bias is in our educational institutions. The first incident was reported by the *Salt Lake Tribune* on August 23 and involved a graduate assistant at the University of Utah who handed out a class syllabus that berated anyone who carried concealed to class, saying they exhibited “absurd, antisocial, and frightening behavior.” The teacher’s assistant further warned that anyone who carried would be confined to standing in the back of the classroom in a designated location that was “3X3.” These warnings came despite the fact that it is perfectly legal under Utah state law to carry concealed on campus.

This syllabus generated controversy online and was roundly condemned by both students and politicians within the first few days of class. Utah State Representative Karianne Lisonbee posted on Facebook, “I am livid.... A University of Utah professor doesn’t understand the Bill of Rights and university policy on free speech — which is disturbing enough. But even more egregious, she is seeking to break state law and deprive students of their rights.” The university quickly moved to correct the teacher’s assistant and reassigned her to a different class, and also scheduled her to attend some training on the subject matter to prevent a similar recurrence.

The next story was reported by *The College Fix* on August 24 and involved a University of Kansas professor who threw a hissy fit after a state law that permits concealed carry on campus came into effect. The professor wrote in his class syllabus that he won’t have much time to meet students in his office because he “no longer feels safe”:

With guns allowed on campus, I no longer feel safe having visitors in my office; so instead of in person office hours, I am available for consultation via email or Skype on the hours indicated above and by appointment. Should you wish to meet in person, the appointment will be at a secure or public location of my choosing, but not my office.

These stories should serve as a reminder of the level of indoctrination our students face.

“Classic Stand Your Ground Case”

USA Today reported on August 30 about a deadly shooting involving an Uber driver that local authorities are calling a “classic stand your ground case.”

The incident occurred in Dundee, Florida, when an Uber driver picked up a woman from a bar. Thirty-four-year-old Jason Boek thought the woman was his estranged girlfriend, leaving with another man, so he confronted the Uber driver and threatened him. The Uber driver had a video camera stationed on the dashboard of his car that recorded the entire thing. The video shows a truck pull in front of the Uber driver and Boek exiting the vehicle and yelling profanity-laced threats. Boek is reported to have yelled, “You know I got a pistol! You want me to f***** shoot you?!” Boek might have not been so aggressive had he known the Uber driver was a concealed weapon permit holder, as well as a licensed armed security guard who had just finished the police academy. Boek continued to walk toward the Uber driver while yelling and menacingly holding something in his hand like a firearm. The Uber driver, not taking any chances, pulled out his concealed weapon and shot the suspect in the chest. The Uber driver called 911 and performed CPR on the wounded suspect, but Boek died from his injuries. Police



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arrived on the scene and determined that the object in Boek's hand was actually a cellphone, but that didn't mean the Uber driver's actions weren't justified.

USA Today reported that Sheriff Grady Judd of the Polk County Sheriff's Office stated during a press conference that this shooting was "a justifiable homicide all day long.... You have the right to protect yourself. This is a classic stand your ground case. This was the intent of the law."

The "stand your ground" law in Florida and other states removes the requirement that someone must first retreat prior to using deadly force. In this scenario, the Uber driver was threatened with violence and had a reasonable apprehension of imminent bodily harm when he fired his gun.

Family Terrorized in Middle of the Night

ABC13 reported on August 29 about a terrifying ordeal in Fresno, California, where an intruder broke into a family's house in the middle of the night. The crime happened just before 4 a.m. The father was awakened by the sounds of someone forcing his way into the house.

Neighbors would later tell the station that the intruder kicked in the front door. The fast-acting father quickly retrieved his pistol and confronted the suspect as he was about to enter the bedroom of the man's children. The intruder yelled nonsensical gibberish, and the father, looking to protect his family, fired at the suspect, hitting him twice. The wife immediately called 911 to report the shooting, and the suspect was soon transported to a nearby medical facility for treatment and is expected to survive.

Young Father Shoots Knife-wielding Attacker

The *Fayetteville Observer* reported out of Fayetteville, North Carolina, on August 25 about a shooting that happened in the presence of a two-year-old. Police say a father was at a convenience store with his two-year-old daughter when a man armed with a knife began accosting him. The father tried to flee the scene with his young daughter, but the knife-wielding attacker relentlessly pursued him and tried to slash him as he loaded his daughter into the car. The father pulled out his licensed firearm and shot at the attacker, injuring him. First responders soon arrived on the scene, and they took the wounded suspect to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for surgery. The investigation is still ongoing, but authorities believe the father acted lawfully.

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