



Letters From The Editor

More Than Meets the Eye

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary,” observed James Madison, “the father of the Constitution.” Of course, men are *not* angels — and that includes those officials who are entrusted with the powers of government, including the police powers. So, what can be done — what *must* be done — to ensure that a government composed of flawed human beings protects the rights of the people it serves, as opposed to trampling the rights it is supposed to protect?

The American Founding Fathers’ approach to achieving good governance was not only to craft a written Constitution specifying those few powers the new national government may exercise, but to also provide a system of “checks and balances” among three branches.

Moreover, in our American system of government, powers were divided between the national government and state governments. As the 10th Amendment to the Constitution later explained, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” In fact, the government powers that were delegated to the U.S. government were those that could not be adequately handled at a lower level of government, such as national defense.

Police Powers

Wisely, police powers were not transferred to the federal government by the Constitution. Converting independent local police forces into local branches of a national police force would not only result in a dangerous accumulation of power in Washington, but would also subvert the proper role of police officers. Police should be accountable to the governing authorities in the local areas they protect and serve. Were they to be nationalized — whether overtly, or insidiously through federal regulations — they would no longer be public servants for their local communities, but would instead be beholden to, and instruments of, the rulers in far-away Washington.

History has shown time and again that this centralization of police powers ultimately culminates in the complete destruction of liberty — from the Nazi Gestapo to the Soviet KGB.

Of course, there are rogue police officers who should not be wearing a badge. When a rogue police officer commits criminal acts, he should be brought to justice. No one should be above the law. Regarding the four police officers who were charged in the George Floyd case, they have been arrested and will be tried in a court of law — as they should be. And if they are found guilty, they should be punished to the full extent of the law.

But what we witnessed in the horrific video showing a cop’s knee implanted on the neck of George Floyd for more than eight minutes, as he pleaded that he could not breathe and lost consciousness, is not representative of the police or of American society in general. Contrary to the claims of the rioters — whose slogans include “Save a life, kill a cop” — neither the police nor the country is systemically racist.



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Subversive Schemes

Obviously, as this special report shows beginning with our opening article “What’s *Really* Behind the Riots?” there is more at play than simply getting justice for George Floyd. Put simply, the death of George Floyd is now being used as a rationale for turning the American system on its head and replacing it with a new, socialist order.

If the revolutionaries — and their allies in high places such as major media and large tax-exempt foundations — are able to successfully overthrow our system of government, the result will be a dystopian nightmare, not a utopian dream, despite the fact that many hopelessly naïve revolutionaries sincerely expect the latter.

If this sounds crazy, we ask you to read this special report, to consider the evidence, and to decide for yourself if there is more to what is now happening than meets the eye. And if you do agree, keep in mind that there is also good news: The subversive schemes can be undone simply by exposing them and restoring our American system, including local police.

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