

WHITE PAPER: Enemies Domestic and Foreign by Sharron Angle

Problem:

The terrible attacks in Orlando and then Las Vegas have recalled the 9/11 attack to most Americans. NewsMax reported in August of 2014, “Lone-wolf terrorists in the United States are being urged by an al-Qaida publication to car-bomb tourist spots in New York and Las Vegas as well as a list of other targets, according to reports.”¹ “Amir Tsarfati: When ISIS Says They Are Responsible For Terror Attack – It Is Because They Are! Almost immediately, ISIS claimed to be responsible for the Las Vegas Attack. The MSM quickly shut this down, saying that Stephen Paddock had no ties to ISIS.”² There will be no real information about the connections because of the current law of habeas corpus, the policy of reading Miranda rights, and requiring attorneys for enemy combatants (Those enemy soldiers who don’t wear uniforms in the commission of war attacks.) The courts have nearly removed Military Tribunals who traditionally have dealt with enemies, by making this a criminal act rather than an act of war. If there is a uniformed combatant the law applies, if ununiformed enemy combatants, our own laws make it difficult to identify who the enemy is, leaving Americans unprotected against the combatants in the War on Terror.

Since 9/11, we have not been safe in the streets, in our offices, at an event, in our own homes. The threat that we might be mowed down by a renegade driver in his vehicle, an airplane, or by an ambush from the 54th floor of a hotel is real. We have all become a target and as the name “terrorist” suggests the whole point of these attacks is to terrorize us or make us afraid to be free. “If the West does not...begin to recognize evil, judge it, and confront it, it will find itself incapable of fighting” those who would destroy us.” DENNIS PRAGER³

It is at times like these that we look to government. The purpose of Government is to protect the citizenry by restraining evildoers. It is our Government’s role to protect our unalienable rights- namely life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, all of which are violated by those who perpetrate these evil acts of senseless murder.

To agree with this purpose of government, we must first agree that evil exists. Then we must insist that our government does what the Constitution mandates, which is to provide for the common defense of American citizens. This may require revisiting laws that govern how we deal with terrorism (which has been separated by the courts from the law of War Geneva Convention with Military Tribunals), and the rights of Americans to criminal prosecutions. However, many in our government are in deep denial of the evil that has invaded our world and our nation making it difficult to hold government accountable to the task.

Once again I quote Dennis Prager for the truth about evil, the denial of the progressive, liberal, left and how that is impacting our ability and our government’s responsibility to defend us from these senseless attacks.

“Yes, babies are born innocent, but not good. Why is this issue so important? First, if you believe people are born good, you will attribute evil to forces outside the individual. That is why, for example, **our secular humanistic culture so often attributes evil to poverty. Washington Sen. Patty Murray, former President Jimmy Carter and millions of other Westerners believe that the cause of Islamic terror is poverty.** They really believe that people who strap bombs to their bodies to blow up families in pizzerias in Israel, plant bombs at a nightclub in Bali, slit stewardesses’ throats and ram airplanes filled with innocent Americans into office buildings do so because they lack sufficient incomes. Something in these people cannot accept the fact that many people have evil values and choose evil for reasons having nothing to do with their economic situation. The Carters and Murrys of the West —

representatives of that huge group of naive Westerners identified by the once proud title “liberal” — do not understand that no amount of money will dissuade those who believe that God wants them to rule the world and murder all those they deem infidels. Second, if you believe people are born good, you will not stress character development when you raise children. You will have schools teach young people how to use condoms, how to avoid first and secondhand tobacco smoke, how to recycle and how to prevent rainforests from disappearing. You will teach them how to struggle against the evils of society — its sexism, its racism, its classism and its homophobia. But you will not teach them that **the primary struggle they have to wage to make a better world is against their own nature.**” DENNIS PRAGER⁴ (bolding is my emphasis not the author's)

Our Founding Fathers knew what evil was and escaped it by creating a government not only to restrain evil in the individual but the evil in government as well. That is why we have three branches of government to balance the temptation to abuse power. That is why we have a Second Amendment.

The big question is: Can any government protect us from random ambushes on innocent civilians? The oath is prescribed in Title 5, Section 3331 of the United States Code. It reads: “I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will **support and defend** the Constitution of the United States **against all enemies, foreign and domestic**; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.” In contrast to the presidential oath, where it’s used only by tradition, the phrase “so help me God” has been part of the official oath of office for non-presidential offices since 1862.⁵

Each of our representatives should be reminded of this oath routinely. They should remember it is why they were elected and it is why we pay them a salary way above the average income of most Americans with benefits that far exceed the expectations of most Americans.

Ted and I made a quick trip to Las Vegas the day President Trump flew in, to assess the situation and bring condolences to those who are grieving. Providentially, we had just finished Disaster Relief Training which included how to respond to the trauma of being a direct victim, an indirect victim, and a hidden victim. The training confirmed that there is little that can be said to bring comfort to those who are suffering. However, there is a lot that should not be said at this time.

“LAS VEGAS October 6, 2017—While some have passed blame to the NRA for the massacre in Las Vegas at a country music concert perpetrated by a man in hotel room whose motives remain unclear, and others like Nancy Sinatra have said all NRA members should be shot by firing squad, a professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has blamed none other than President Donald Trump. “Right when he got elected, I told my classes, three semesters ago, that some of us won’t be affected by this presidency, but others are going to die. Other people will die because of this,” the history teacher said...”⁶

The use of suffering to promote an anti-Second Amendment agenda or an anti-Trump agenda is not only insensitive to those who are grieving, it is an outrageous indication of the depths that liberal progressive left in this country will sink. Ignoring this hateful, selfish, callous, and Alensky’s “not letting a crisis go to waste,” mentality, instead let’s explore solutions. The first place to look is at a country that has been dealing with this type of terrorism for decades—Israel. Israel has learned and defined the war on terror.

Solution:

My friend Elie Pieprz, Ted and I toured the West Bank, the buffer zone of freedom for Israel and the Arab nations to the East. We heard first-hand what it takes to secure a land ravaged by enemies within and outside its borders. Elie immigrated to Israel from Seattle, WA with his wife and young children and he chose to live where most of the world considers a very dangerous place. He not only lives there, but works to promote tourism there.

“Is it safe?” I asked.

“Yes!” was Elie’s emphatic response.

What makes it safe? Two things: the people and the government in that order. He addressed the government role first. Simply put, secure the borders. We visited a border with not just one fence but two fences, one a block wall topped with razor wire the other parallel about 30 yards away chain link again topped by razor wire. In the middle of these two fences is a “no-man’s land” that is swept each day and inspected for footprints to make sure there are no breeches in the wall. In addition to the walls are armed guards and cameras.

The second is a more difficult piece but not unknown to our Founders: the citizens themselves. Every young person at age 18 is required to serve in the military and carry a gun at all times during that service. I saw Orthodox men in their prayers shawls at the Wailing Wall with machine guns on their backs. This means that nearly every Israeli knows how to use a weapon and most are carrying concealed even after their military service is completed.

Another Israeli with dual citizenship in Indiana, Josh Hasten, told me in a radio interview that he felt safer in Israel than in the United States because everyone in Israel is vigilant. As President Jefferson said, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” Josh Hasten agreed with Jefferson that terrorism with its threat to our free society must be confronted by a vigilant and armed people.

Here is what our Founder’s had to say regarding the arming of citizens:

“Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people’s liberty teeth and keystone under independence.” – George Washington

“The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.” – Alexander Hamilton.

“To disarm the people is the most effectual way to enslave them.” – George Mason.

“A free people ought to be armed.” – George Washington.

“No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.” – Thomas Jefferson.

“The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere restrains evil interference – they deserve a place of honor with all that’s good.” – George Washington.⁷

Beyond arming of citizens for their own defense not just relying on the government, Elie spoke of the more subtle protection. “We get along with our neighbors. We have Arab neighbors living next to Israelis, Jews next door to Muslims. We don’t agree on everything but we do agree to live together and seek after what is best for our children and our community.” There is a common morality. They have turned from evil and become the enemy of evil together.

“The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.” DIETRICH BONHOEFFER⁸

“We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.” GOLDA MEIR⁹

If we take this to heart in America, where will we find that common morality? Once again let the Founder's speak:

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." JOHN ADAMS¹⁰

"I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make us better citizens..." THOMAS JEFFERSON¹¹

This is a time for prayer not for anti-Constitutional agendas. Restricting Second Amendment rights will not stop evil. It will embolden those who seek to terrorize us. Please stand with me in prayer for the direct victims, the indirect victims and the hidden victims. In the days to come they will all need our support.

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³ Dennis Prager, "If You Believe People Are Basically Good" December 2, 2002 <http://dennisprager.com/if-you-believe-that-people-are-basically-good/>

⁴ Ibid.

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⁸ Dietrich Bonhoeffer <https://thelargestdemocracy.wordpress.com/2012/07/07/dietrich-bonhoeffer/>

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