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What Happened to Our Country That We Don't Have Order Anywhere!

Nationwide Crime Culture?

Retailers, Banks, Schools...Crime at Record Levels

Macy's and Target recently revealed that they will be shutting down select stores across the US, citing violence tied to ongoing organized retail theft.

Last week in Philadelphia looters ransacked and destroyed multiple stores over a two day stretch of violence. The crime spree resulted in the temporary closure of state-run liquor stores in the area after several were vandalized and burglarized.

A recent survey of retailers nationwide indicated that losses related to criminal acts in their stores increased by more than \$17 billion dollars, totaling over \$121 billion dollars for one year. An all too old adage "we all pay for it with higher prices" seems like a lament that beckons defeat.

Financial institutions are reporting losses related to check fraud and "card-crackin" at historic levels.

School behavior has escalated from a lack of respect for authority and rules, to schools where criminal acts are not an unusual occurrence. No far from my home a Walgreens store was targeted for a smash and grab by more than 50 students from a nearby high school. Clearly a copycat event from what they see going on in other larger cities, but more significant is that there was no reporting of the event by the media. To the general public, no one knew what happened. I wonder how many more of these events are occurring in your communities?

"Where are the police?" is the first reaction heard from many pundits, some who just a few short months ago criticized everything related to policing. For an example, search "Shivanthi Sathanandan", a Minnesota lawmaker who called for the dismantling of the entire police department, until she was car-jacked and beaten.

While no one would never want this to happen to someone, and I reference the incident only to show the hypocrisy and idiocy of those who call for the dismantling of law enforcement.

But the greater issue of crime in America is not a policing problem. It is a values, morals, and societal issue that is impacting every community, and criminal activity is the symptom.

We have to have norms in society to function, and those norms must be based on a universal understanding that principles of faith and family are the foundation upon which we build a better society.

In the meantime, law enforcement at every level of the criminal justice system is being challenged by a society where there are "no norms". Make sure you are solid in your moral foundation as you are challenged everyday by a world that isn't.

May God bless each of you.

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Please feel free to email comments or suggestions. Thanks, Jim



Texas A&M University basketball coach fights back after facing criticism for her outfits

Texas A&M University basketball coach Sydney Carter is fighting back after facing criticism for what she wore on the court.

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*"I say do what you're confident in. Be who you are regardless of what people say they would prefer to be the norm," she said. **"There is no norm anymore. You make it your own."***



John Fetterman's Hoodie and Gym Shorts on the Senate Floor are Roiling DC

In the Shorts Protest of 1930, over 600 Dartmouth students defied the much-hated dress codes outlawing exercise clothing in campus buildings.

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"There is no norm anymore. You make it your own."



"The nuclear family, God, and national pride are a holy trinity of the American identity. What would happen if a generation gave up on all three?"

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Research also suggests that the religious residue effect can decay. The more time that passes after people leave religion, the more their morals and values come to resemble those of people who have never been religious. This is an important finding, because a large and growing number of Americans are leaving organized religion, and there is still much to be learned about the psychological and social consequences of this decline in religion.

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5,000 weapons confiscated in one year



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Check Fraud Running Rampant

In 2020, some prosecutors described suspicious activity related to illicit use of pandemic relief as one of the largest frauds in U.S. history. In 2022, depository institutions across the country filed 459,891 suspicious activity reports (SARs) for check fraud, which was an increase from 249,812 filings in 2021.

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Flint Southwestern Academy junior faces felonious assault charges accused of throwing a chair and hitting a teacher

FLINT, Mich. (WJRT) - A 15-year-old Southwestern Academy junior is facing felonious assault charges, accused of throwing a chair and hitting a teacher.

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A Norm to Celebrate...Deputy Saves a Co-Worker from Near Death



Montgomery County Deputy is 2022 'CrimeStoppers Officer of the Year'

It's been a year to remember for Corporal Derrick Riego with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

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ICJE Training for 2024

ICJE training dates for 2024 are being established as we await word on the recent grant requests that allow us to offer no-cost training to police departments throughout the state of Alabama. We'll keep you posted.



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Thought of the Month

Never compromise your principles, even if it leads to difficulties in the short term. – Alan Casden

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