

## Nancy's nonsense

Democrat House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is doing her level best to ensure the "Blue Wave" never occurs. Here's her take, her dismissal, of the outstanding May jobs report:

"May's jobs report shows that strong employment numbers mean little to the families hit with soaring new costs under the Republicans' watch... Democrats know that the American people deserve A Better Deal, with Better Jobs, Better Wages and a Better Future."

She's certainly on top of it... got all those bumper sticker slogans ready for desperate Democrats running in mid-term elections in November.

The problem for Nancy is how her "Better" campaign will stack up against Trump's booming economy: jobless claims at a 44-year low; and layoffs near a 50-year low. 223,000 jobs in May.

And, according to the Federal Reserve, combined household wealth in the U.S. hit a new high in May, \$100 trillion, for the first time, ever.

She cannot compete with success that has *nothing* to do with her progressive policies.

How about NEW slogans?

Maybe "A Better Deal for Porn Stars" or a "Better Future for MS-13 Animals"... Or, "Better Wages for FBI Campaign Spies." So many possibilities...

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## Religious freedom v. social justice

# Cake conflict

Jack C. Phillips is the proprietor of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado. Since July, 2012 he has been fighting to keep his business intact, he family fed and his faith sacrosanct.

That summer in 2012 he had refused to create a wedding cake for a homosexual couple who came into his bakeshop. Politely, he declined their request because of his religious convictions, which do not allow for recognition of any marriage arrangement other than the man-woman design ordained by God. He could not comply with the request for the special wedding cake and took the time to fully explain his reasons, which the two men refused to accept. Although Phillips didn't discriminate because of the sexual orientation of his customers, the couple exited his business in a huff, trailing epithets and obscenities.

Even though there were numerous bakeries in Lakewood, some of which would have gladly accepted the couple's request for a custom cake, the men decided to teach Jack a lesson and filed a complaint that their "civil rights" were violated (as a protected class). Mr. Phillips would not do what they demanded he do, so he had to be punished.

The state of Colorado accused him of violating the "public accommodations" law when he declined to produce a wedding cake for the same-sex couple. The Colorado Civil Rights Commission attacked his right as an American citizen to practice his faith.

Jack made his way through the state's legal maze, his patience and composure intact, finally reaching the appeals court.

Colorado's Court of Appeals ruled that Jack had no First Amendment rights in this case. Frustrated, but firm in his faith, Jack knew the next step was the Supreme Court.

His religious liberty was restored last Monday, June 4, in a 7-2 decision by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). Associate Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor were the two dissenting votes.

SCOTUS ruled that the state of Colorado was "neither tolerant nor respectful" of Phillips' beliefs on marriage. And the highest court in the land stated in its decision that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission showed "clear and impermissible hostility toward the sincere religious beliefs motivating his objection."

The Supreme Court ruled that Phillips cannot be compelled to create a cake – a work of art in his mind – that violates his religious beliefs. But because the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Christian baker over a homosexual couple, the Left is enraged. So much for tolerance...

After six years of battles for his religious liberty, Jack, his wife, and children have won. The Phillips' bakery has suffered greatly however; 40% of Jack's business was creating wedding cakes, which he now declines to do based on the current animosity toward Christians practicing their faith.

A battle was won, but not the war. Jack's struggle was against bureaucratic overreach and attacks against his religious beliefs by the state of Colorado, which showed unreasonable avarice, bringing the weight of progressive government on his head for simply living his faith. The Colorado Civil Rights Commission lost on the basis of their vitriolic *hostility to Jack Phillips' religion*.

Jack Phillips finally received justice. The next victim of religious persecution may not be as fortunate since this Supreme Court decision was narrowly crafted for this one case of governmental abuse.

The larger question of an individual's God-given right to practice his/her faith has already been answered, by the Constitution... and God Himself.

We Be People



#### Flag Day, June 14

The following came across my desk recently, courtesy of the AMVETS National Service Foundation. It was originally written on a date unknown, by Master Sergeant Percy Webb, USMC, and is appropriate for an important day this week: Flag Day, June 14 -- the day we honor our national emblem, the symbol of a "nation conceived in Liberty."

#### **I Am Old Glory**

*I am Old Glory: For more than ten score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans.*

*Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.*

*Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions.*

*Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage.*

*They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity.*

*They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American, as the heritage of free men.*

*So long as men love liberty more than life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.*

Our national banner has served as a bold standard for this Home of Liberty. Since it was first raised above our land to proclaim that this would be a place for free men to cherish and to promote the blessings of freedom and the virtues of liberty to others yearning to be free, it has suffered abuse from those here at home who despise what it stands for and hate its very existence. They have been indoctrinated at great expense.

This Thursday, boldly fly Old Glory. You may just discover a "teachable" opportunity.



#### Using school shootings for political gain

## The propaganda persists

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. But for our leftist media and an indoctrinated school population, who would know? (Maybe Hallmark has some unique cards planned to commemorate this obtuse idea...)

The latest school shooting occurred at Santa Fe High School on May 18 in Galveston County, Texas. Ten are dead (eight students and two teaching assistants) and 13 were wounded, the mayhem committed by a 17 year-old student who will be charged with capital murder. Federal charges are also being considered.

He "borrowed" his father's shotgun and 38 cal. revolver and had Molotov cocktails and pipe bombs placed around the school building. Four pipe bombs were found inside the school and several others around the school grounds.

Once again, a *local* tragedy, caused by a lack of school security, cultural decay, mental imbalance of the perpetrator, or bureaucratic ineptitude, was overblown into a national "gun" crisis. Graduation of the Santa Fe seniors was held a week ago and coverage by the media was thick and ridiculous. The same false data was trotted out and the media scripts were cookie cutter. We shouldn't be surprised, however; the Left owns the media, the entertainment culture, and the education system: "Firearms should be illegal except in the hands of the police (but not in minority-dominant cities) and the Second Amendment only applies to muskets used by militias 230 years ago."

The *Mises Institute*, in a study conducted by its senior editor, Ryan McMahon, announced: "There Are Fewer School Shootings Now Than During the 1990s." That headline from the study results released on March 1, 2018 stated the conclusion emphatically. The study revealed that the number of children killed in school shootings in the early 1990s was *four times greater than today*. School violence is declining as well. You will not read about any of this in the popular leftist media because it doesn't fit their agenda: gun confiscation and the repeal of the Second Amendment.

Numbers concerning school shootings portrayed in major media are false, as is the repetitive narrative. Liberals throughout media and political associations are saying today's school shootings are 57 times greater than in 2009! That's intentionally ridiculous; greatly exaggerated for a reason, a *political* reason. In addition to that stretch, progressives ignore the fact that more than 50% of school-age shootings are due to suicides or attempted suicides.

On May 22, the *New York Times* ran a piece highlighting the theme that schools are the safest places for children. "According to the most recent federal data, between 1992 and 2015, less than 3 percent of homicides of children 5 to 18 years old occurred at school."

*Any* school shooting, however, injects steroids into the progressives' objective of disarming Americans. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) is taking advantage of the opportunity to make a name for himself as an "anti-gunner." In a recent *USA Today* op-ed, Swalwell admitted that the Democrat's plan is for confiscation of all firearms when he wrote, "... We should ban possession of military-style semi-automatic assault weapons, we should buy back such weapons from all who choose to abide by the law, and we should criminally prosecute any who choose to defy it by keeping their weapons."

In other words, according to Swalwell's proposed law, *all* firearms should be confiscated, although Rep. Swalwell doesn't admit that. Since virtually all popular firearms, in pistol or rifle configuration, are "semi-automatic," Swalwell would instantly turn law-abiding American citizens who own firearms into felons.

At least Rep. Swalwell was honest in revealing the Democrats' real goals, which, as expected, are unconstitutional... and purely totalitarian. Once again, this is about *controlling* a population, not saving lives.

**Enough!**  
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