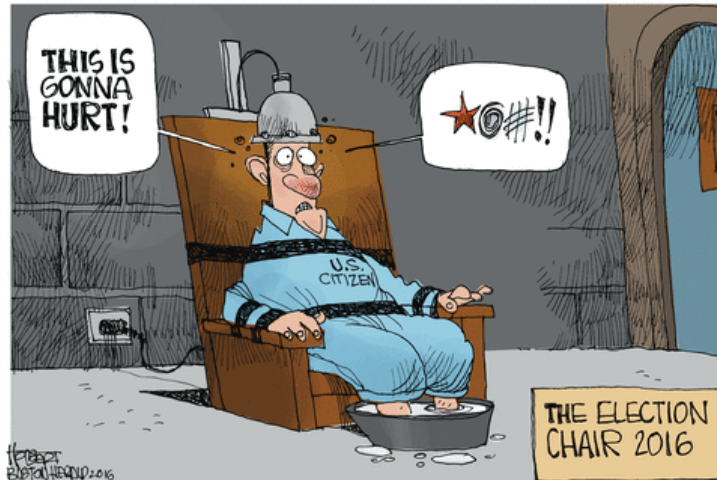


## Military Resistance 14D3



**“The Growing Scandal Over Cooked ISIS Intelligence Just Got Much Worse”**

**“Intel Analysts Forced Out For Telling The Truth About ISIS War”**  
**“The Working Environment At CENTCOM Has Been Described As ‘Toxic’ And ‘Hostile’”**



Intelligence analysts allege that their skeptical views on the ISIS war have led to reprisals from military brass. (illustration: Daily Beast)

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**The growing scandal over cooked ISIS intelligence just got much worse. Now, analysts are saying they're being forced out for not toeing the Obama administration's line on the war.**

Two senior intelligence analysts at U.S. Central Command say the military has forced them out of their jobs because of their skeptical reporting on U.S.-backed rebel groups in Syria, three sources with knowledge of their claim told The Daily Beast.

**It's the first known instance of possible reprisals against CENTCOM personnel after analysts accused their bosses of manipulating intelligence reports about the U.S.-led campaign against ISIS in order to paint a rosier picture of progress in the war.**

One of the analysts alleging reprisals is the top analyst in charge of Syria issues at CENTCOM.

**He and a colleague doubted rebels' capabilities and their commitment to U.S. objectives in the region.**

**The analysts have been effectively sidelined from their positions and will no longer be working at CENTCOM, according to two individuals familiar with the dispute, and who spoke on condition of anonymity.**

The analysts' skeptical views put them at odds with military brass, who last year had predicted that a so-called moderate opposition would make up a 15,000-man ground force to take on ISIS in its self-declared caliphate.

**An initial \$500 million program to train and arm those fighters failed spectacularly. And until the very end, Pentagon leaders claimed the operation was more or less on track. Lawmakers called the plan a "joke" when Gen. Lloyd Austin, the CENTCOM commander, finally testified last September that there were just "four or five" American-trained fighters in Syria.**

Earlier allegations from CENTCOM, the military command responsible for overseeing the Middle East, had focused on leaders there fudging intelligence reports about U.S. efforts to attack ISIS and undermine its financing operations. That analysts are now raising red flags around reporting on Syrian rebel groups suggests that, at least from the analysts' perspective, there is a broader systemic problem than was previously known.

The Pentagon inspector general and a congressional task force are investigating allegations of doctored intelligence reports about ISIS.

**The working environment at CENTCOM has been described as "toxic" and "hostile."**

As The Daily Beast previously reported, more than 50 CENTCOM analysts have said that senior officials gave more scrutiny and pushback on reports that suggested U.S.

efforts to destroy ISIS weren't progressing. Analysis that took a more optimistic view of the war effort got comparatively less attention from higher-ups.

In a separate development, the head of Iraq analysis at CENTCOM, Gregory Hooker, is being reassigned to a position in the United Kingdom, three sources knowledgeable of the transfer told The Daily Beast.

Hooker was identified last year by The New York Times as leading the group of analysts that raised objections about the ISIS reports.

There was no evidence that Hooker's reassignment was a retaliatory move by his superiors, rather some suggested he had requested the change.

But for the analysts who have accused their bosses of improper behavior, the climate has become anxious, particularly as now some fear for their jobs.

"(They) are scared all the time," one official told The Daily Beast.

The Syria analysts spoke out after Austin directed his subordinates last year not to retaliate against anyone who voiced concerns about political influence or bias being brought to bear on intelligence analysis, said one individual knowledgeable of their complaints. More than 1,000 analysts work at CENTCOM headquarters in Tampa, Florida, and their reports are meant to help senior U.S. officials and policymakers understand the facts on the battlefield.

Investigators from the congressional task force have met with analysts at both CENTCOM headquarters and, last month, in Washington, half a dozen sources with knowledge of the meetings said. Spokespersons for the task force declined to comment.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes previously told The Daily Beast that investigators were unable to obtain certain documents germane to the analysts' allegations about altered ISIS reports, and that congressional staff had to interview the analysts in the presence of CENTCOM personnel, whom Nunes referred to as "minders."

"They're having a tough time talking to us," Nunes said of the analysts whom congressional staff have interviewed in Tampa.

The Defense Department inspector general is also looking into the ISIS reports. The watchdog's office has said the investigation, which is expected to be finished soon, "will address whether there was any falsification, distortion, delay, suppression, or improper modification of intelligence information," as well as "personal accountability for any misconduct or failure to follow established processes."

At CENTCOM's intelligence unit, there's growing anticipation for the results of the Defense Department inspector general's investigation. Some have said they hope it will hold those they feel are responsible for altering reports, but there's also concern that the findings will seek to downplay the severity of the problem and won't lead to any significant changes.

At least one change is in the works. Last week, the Pentagon announced that Maj. Gen. Mark R. Quantock, currently the intelligence director of the U.S.-led military effort in Afghanistan, will take over as the head of intelligence at CENTCOM. Two officials described Quantock as a “straight shooter” who could help relieve tensions at the command headquarters.

Quantock, who is expected to arrive this summer, will replace Maj. Gen. Steven Grove, whom analysts have said is chiefly responsible for altering the ISIS reports.

Grove and his civilian deputy, Gregory Ryckman, have also been accused of deleting emails and files from computer systems before the inspector general could examine them, three individuals familiar with the investigation told The Daily Beast.

Investigators from Capitol Hill and the Pentagon’s watchdog have pulled analysts away from work to ask them questions. Their colleagues try to glean insights about the course of the investigation by keeping note of who is being queried and for how long.

And in another sign of rising anxiety, some believe that that military leadership is trying to piece together which analysts have made allegations about Grove, and to whom, whether they be investigators or journalists.

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## **POLICE WAR REPORTS**

**Man Faces Life In Prison For Stealing \$31 Worth Of Candy: “His Last Conviction Was For Stealing ‘Some Socks And Trousers’”  
“It’s Not Even Funny, 20 Years To Life For A Snickers Bar, Or Two Or Three Or Four,” Judge Zibilich Said**



APR 3, 2016 BY JUDD LEGUM, Think Progress

A New Orleans man could spend the rest of his life in jail after allegedly shoving “\$31 worth of candy bars into his pockets at a Dollar General store.”

The man, 34-year-old Jacobia Grimes, is being charged by prosecutors under the state’s “habitual-offender law.”

Grimes has five prior convictions for theft. All of Grimes convictions “involved thefts of less than \$500.” His last conviction was for stealing “some socks and trousers.”

Grimes appeared in court last week and pled not guilty. He faces a potential sentence of 20 years to life. He has already spent 9 years in jail for his previous convictions.

The decision to come down hard on Grimes met a skeptical audience from Judge Franz Zibilich, who is overseeing the case.

“It’s not even funny, 20 years to life for a Snickers bar, or two or three or four,” Zibilich said. If Grimes is found guilty, Louisiana law could leave Zibilich little discretion over the sentence.

Louisiana’s habitual offender law has been in place for 30 years. The result has been that “(s)entences of several decades, or even life, for nonviolent crimes are not unusual in Louisiana.” In other states, individuals convicted of similar crimes “would have received a much shorter sentence or no jail time at all.”

Grimes’ case is an example of how Louisiana became the “world’s prison capital.” A 2012 expose by The Times-Picayune found that the state imprisons more of its citizens than any other states and its incarceration rate is “nearly five times Iran’s, 13 times China’s and 20 times Germany’s.”

**A major factor driving Louisiana’s massive inmate population is money. Each prisoner costs Louisiana an average of \$18,800 per year. Sending Grimes to prison for 20 years would cost the state around \$376,000.**

**“A majority of Louisiana inmates are housed in for-profit facilities, which must be supplied with a constant influx of human beings or a \$182 million industry will go bankrupt,” The Times-Picayune reported.**

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## **LAPD Shoots Unarmed, Sleeping Couple In ‘Self- Defense’**

**“Initially, The LAPD Claimed That  
Michael Threatened Them With A  
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**“There Have Been No Reports Of A  
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**“It’s Been Revealed That Both Victims  
Were Asleep In Their Vehicle At The  
Time Of The Shooting’**

March 4, 2016 By: Julie M. Rodriguez, CARE2

On February 21, a couple in their early 30s, Kisha Michael and Marquintan Sandlin, went out for a date in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood.

By the end of the night, both of them were dead — shot by police on the side of the road.

Initially, the LAPD claimed that Michael threatened them with a gun, but as the story has developed, it’s been revealed that both victims were asleep in their vehicle at the time of the shooting.

That’s not the only detail that has the local community suspicious about what really happened that day.

The LAPD hasn’t exactly been forthcoming with information on the incident.

What we do know is that someone called to report a “suspicious vehicle,” and the police responded around 3 a.m.

**Apparently, the police arrived and found the couple unconscious in the car. After about 45 minutes spent attempting to “de-escalate” the situation by trying to rouse the occupants of the vehicle, police opened fire in response to an as-of-yet unnamed “threat” from Michael or Sandlin.**

**Despite the claims that Kisha Michael had a weapon, there have been no reports of a gun recovered at the scene.**

In an interview with the LA Times, Michael’s twin sister Trisha explained that her sister had never even owned a firearm, and that Sandlin was unarmed.

Of course, it’s possible that the responding officers thought they saw something that might have looked like a gun in the dark, but if that’s the case, the department has declined to say.

**It’s also worth noting that mistaking harmless objects, like a pill bottle, for a gun has become a troublingly widespread defense in police shootings against unarmed suspects.**

In the meantime, relatives of the victims are demanding answers.

Some of them visited Inglewood Police headquarters this week, demanding to speak with the chief of police.

They held signs reading “Murdered by Inglewood Police,” and shouted slogans including, “It could be your child next. You never know.”

So far, the department has declined to respond while they collect all the details of the incident. It’s unclear whether there will be any investigation or action taken against the responding officers.

**As if the senseless killing weren’t tragic enough on its own, it turns out that both Michael and Sandlin were single parents — she had three sons at home, while he had four daughters. That’s seven children orphaned for seemingly no reason.**

This isn’t the first time the LAPD has been accused of abusing its power.

**In recent years, the department’s officers have come under fire for sexually assaulting a female suspect and then allowing her to fall from a moving vehicle, fatally shooting an autistic man for touching his waistband in a “suspicious” manner, firing more than 100 bullets at two elderly women delivering newspapers, punching a homeless woman on the bus, and racially profiling suspects, among other controversies.**

Unfortunately, this latest incident shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone given the department’s history, especially given the fact that both victims were black.

**While the LAPD has been equipping officers with body cameras since last May, there’s no point in holding your breath for any incriminating footage. The department has already stated it’s not going to release any of the footage to the public, and it’s possible that the footage doesn’t even exist.**

LAPD officers are allowed to turn their cameras on and off at will, and they're encouraged to review the recordings before filing reports on any controversial incidents. Unless the department is faced with incredible public pressure, the facts about what really happened that night may never be known.

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## **“The Extraordinary Lengths To Which Black And Brown People Go To Kill Themselves In Police Custody”**

### **“Shooting Themselves With Magically Appearing Weapons While Handcuffed”**

### **“In Many Of Those Deaths, Police Reports Present Fantastical Tales Of Victims Performing Extraordinary Feats That Cause Their Own Deaths”**

May 11, 2015 by Tamika Middleton, Color Lines

Georgia State Senator Vincent Fort and members of Atlanta activist groups gathered in front of Atlanta police headquarters last Monday, May 4, to call for transparency in the fatal police shooting of Alexia Christian.

According to an Atlanta Police Department (APD) account, officers Jeffery Cook and Omar Thyme found Christian, a black 25-year-old mother of two, sitting in a truck that was reported stolen on April 30. The police, both black, arrested her.

Then Christian—who was sitting in the back of their squad car wearing handcuffs behind her—somehow fired two shots at the officers up front. Cook and Thyme, who were not wounded, got out of the car and fatally shot Christian.

“There are at least two surveillance videos that should have captured what happened,” state senator Fort said at the press conference. “Those tapes belong to the people of Atlanta.” A reporter asked Fort if there was some reason that he did not believe the APD's official statement. He replied by repeating his call for transparency in the department's investigation.



It is not hard to see why community members would be skeptical.

Deaths at the hands of police officers have been receiving heightened levels of attention and scrutiny in recent years.

**In many of those deaths, police reports present fantastical tales of victims performing extraordinary feats that cause their own deaths. These reports seem to defy logic, but some media treat them as fact.**

Their stories become a part of the official narrative justifying police violence.

**Take Christian. Allegedly, after being arrested, she not only managed to get a gun into the patrol car, but she got out of her handcuffs, retrieved the gun and thought it wise to shoot at the officers in the front seat.**

The APD's response to skepticism was to tell media that she had a history of slipping out of handcuffs. Media sources then reported that Christian had been arrested multiple times for crimes such as peddling marijuana, shoplifting and driving without a valid driver's license.

The story is frighteningly similar to a number of other deadly police shootings of black and brown people in the South.

**Last September Charles Smith was arrested for outstanding warrants and fatally shot while handcuffed in the back of a patrol car by police in Savannah, Georgia. Officers reported that Smith moved his hands to the front of his body, kicked out a window and displayed a gun.**

**Last March, in New Iberia, Louisiana, state police claimed that 22-year-old Victor White III shot himself while he was handcuffed behind his back in a patrol car.**

**The police and Iberia Parish coroner maintain that this is what happened despite a final autopsy report that indicates that White was shot in the chest.**

**Chavis Carter's 2012 death was ruled a suicide after Jonesboro, Arkansas, officials said he shot himself in the head while handcuffed in the back of patrol car. He'd been searched twice for weapons.**

Carter, who was with a couple of white friends, was the only one detained.

**In 2013, 17-year-old Jesus Huerta was fatally shot in a police patrol car in Durham, North Carolina. Like White and Carter, police officials claimed that a handcuffed Huerta, who had already been searched, shot himself.**

The extraordinary lengths to which black and brown people go to kill themselves in police custody are not limited to shooting themselves with magically appearing weapons while handcuffed. We know all too well how officers in Baltimore claimed that Freddie Gray, 25, severed his own spine by thrashing about in the back of a police van.

In the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, police did not claim he killed himself. Rather, Ferguson, Missouri, officer Darren Wilson testified that as he shot at Brown, “He was almost bulking up to run through the shots.”

**Wilson’s account of Brown’s behavior in particular is reminiscent of reports on “Negro cocaine fiends.” The media reported stories of cocaine-crazed black men who killed innocent people after imagining that they’d been taunted. According to author Charles Hart, the myth led to the passage of the first drug laws in the early 1900s.**

Interestingly, this stands in direct contrast to the trope of the magical Negro embodied by such characters as Bagger Vance in the “The Legend of Bagger Vance” or John Coffey in “The Green Mile.” The magical Negro exists solely for the benefit of a white protagonist. Their lives, histories and very existence aren’t valuable beyond their labor and their allegiance to a white person.

In the real world, where black lives are disposable, the magical Negro trope supports a narrative that supports police. The benign magical Negro from the movies becomes dangerous and, because their lives lack value, few question the logic of the narrative.

“In the post-Ferguson era, the public demands transparency,” Fort, the Georgia state senator, declared at last week’s press conference.

Here in Atlanta, transparency begins with police releasing surveillance video of Alexia Christian’s final moments.

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## **Policeman Shoots 2 Unarmed Men “Suspected Of Trying To Steal Beer”**

**“They’re Very Aggressive, Just So You Know”**

**“He Says He Has One Man, Then Both, At Gunpoint And Asks For Backup”**

# “Seconds Later, He Shouts, ‘Shots Fired! One Down.’ He Then Says The Second Man Has Been Shot”



Hundreds of people protesting a police shooting gather outside of City Hall in Olympia, Washington. Police say that two stepbrothers suspected of trying to steal beer from a grocery store were unarmed when they were shot by a police officer who confronted them. (photo: Rachel La Corte/AP)

22 May 15 By Rachel La Corte, Associated Press

Hundreds of people marched in Washington state’s capital city to protest a police shooting that wounded two unarmed stepbrothers suspected of trying to steal beer from a grocery store.

Olympia Officer Ryan Donald reported he was being assaulted with a skateboard early Thursday before the shooting that left Bryson Chaplin, 21, in serious condition and Andre Thompson, 24, in stable condition. Both were expected to survive.

Protesters rallied at a park Thursday afternoon, then marched about a mile to a building that houses police headquarters and City Hall, holding signs that read “Race is a Factor” and “We Are Grieving.” The crowd chanted “Black Lives Matter” and “No Justice, No Peace.”

The stepbrothers are black, and the officer is white, but Police Chief Ronnie Roberts said, “There’s no indication to me that race was a factor in this case at all.”

While those protests were peaceful, a small, separate group scuffled with bar patrons who confronted them late Thursday, police spokeswoman Laura Wohl said.

Some fights ensued and some protesters threw rocks at City Hall. Police responded and deployed flash bangs to disperse the crowd, she said Friday.

The shooting is being investigated by a team of detectives from several agencies. Brad Watkins, chief deputy of the Thurston County Sheriff’s Department, said two

skateboards were recovered from the shooting scene and an investigation will likely take three to six weeks.

The men weren't armed with guns, investigators said.

Donald was among those who responded around 1 a.m. Thursday to a call from a Safeway store, Roberts said. Employees said two men tried to steal beer and then threw the alcohol at workers who confronted the pair.

Officers split up to search for the men. Donald encountered two men with skateboards who fit witnesses' descriptions, and moments later, he radioed in that shots had been fired, the police chief said.

In radio calls released by police, Donald calls dispatchers once he spots the men, and again to report that he fired shots.

"I believe one of them is hit, both of them are running," Donald said.

He tells dispatchers that one of the men "assaulted me with his skateboard."

"I tried to grab his friend," Donald said. "They're very aggressive, just so you know."

He says he has one man, then both, at gunpoint and asks for backup.

Seconds later, he shouts, "Shots fired! One down," and again asks for more backup units. He then says the second man has been shot.

Chaplin was in intensive care but upgraded from critical to serious condition, hospital officials said Friday.

The police chief said Donald wasn't injured but an officer "has the right to defend himself" if a suspect wields an object that could be used as a deadly weapon.

Donald, 35, who is on administrative leave pending the investigation, has been with the department for just over three years. No residents have filed complaints against him, and he was recently recognized by the agency for being proactive on investigations, Roberts said. He worked previously as an Army police officer, the chief said.

The shooting follows a string of high-profile police killings of unarmed black men, including Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City, which set off weeks of protests and a national "Black Lives Matter" movement that has gained momentum across the country.

Rafael Ruiz, a 32-year-old Olympia resident, organized the peaceful protest Thursday afternoon. Standing on a picnic table at a park, he said he was there to defend the victims of police shootings.

"We're not going to say this kind of violence is OK," he said.

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## FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**Therefore, in order for the proletariat’s political strike, once transformed into demonstration by the entire people, to become the starting point for a victorious revolution, a sympathetic attitude must be widespread throughout the army.  
-- Leon Trotsky, “Up To The Ninth Of January,” 1905**

**FYI: Military Resistance Website Visits:  
Top Ten Sources Of Visits Ranked 1-10  
March 2016**

- 1 USA
- 2 France
- 3 Germany
- 4 China
- 5 Ukraine
- 6 Great Britain
- 7 Poland
- 8 Brazil
- 9 Romania
- 10 Vietnam

Readers from an additional 84 have also accessed, including Ghana, Slovak Republic, Afghanistan, Palestinian Territories, Mongolia, Japan, & Cambodia.

Source: AWStats

**“The Struggle Against The Fall In  
Relative Wages Means Also A  
Struggle Against The Commodity  
Character Of Labor-Power, I.E.  
Against Capitalist Production As A  
Whole”**

**“The Struggle Against A Decline In  
Relative Wages Is A Revolutionary,  
Subversive Initiative Against The  
Existence Of This Economy, It Is The  
Socialist Movement Of The  
Proletariat”**

**“This Explains The Sympathies Of The  
Capitalist Class For Trade Unions At**

# **Least In So Far As Trade Unions Allow Themselves Be Opposed To Socialism”**

From: Rosa Luxemburg; Introduction To Political Economy; Ms. 1909-1910 [Excerpt]

In the wage system there are no legal or customary determinations of the share of the worker in his product, not even arbitrary and forcible ones.

**This share is determined by the degree of productivity of labor at the time, by the level of technology; it is not the caprice of the exploiter but the progress of technology that steadily and relentlessly reduces the share of the worker.**

**It is then a completely invisible power, a simple mechanical effect of competition and commodity production, that seizes from the worker an ever greater portion of his product and leaves him an ever smaller one, a power that has its effects silently and unnoticeably behind the back of the workers, and against which no struggle is therefore possible.**

**The personal role of the exploiter is still visible, whenever it is a question of the absolute wage, i.e. the actual standard of living.**

**A reduction in wages that brings about a suppression of the actual living standard of the workers is a visible attack by the capitalists on the workers, and it is generally countered by immediate struggle when trade unions exist, in favorable cases even successfully.**

**The fall in relative wages, in contrast to this, seemingly occurs without the least personal participation of the capitalist, and within the wage system, i.e. on the basis of commodity production, the workers have no possibility of struggle and defence against it.**

**Workers cannot struggle against technical advances in production, against inventions, the introduction of machinery, against steam and electricity, against improvements in means of communication.**

**The effect of all these advances on the relative wage of the workers thus follows quite mechanically from commodity production and the commodity character of labor-power.**

This is why even the most powerful trade unions are quite impotent against this tendency to a rapid fall in relative wages.

The struggle against the fall in relative wages accordingly means also a struggle against the commodity character of labor-power, i.e. against capitalist production as a whole.

The struggle against a decline in relative wages is thus no longer a struggle on the basis of the commodity economy, but rather a revolutionary, subversive initiative against the existence of this economy, it is the socialist movement of the proletariat:

**This explains the sympathies of the capitalist class for trade unions, which they originally fought furiously against, once the socialist struggle has begun ---- at least in so far as trade unions allow themselves be opposed to socialism.**

In France, all struggles of the workers to obtain the right of combination were in vain until the 1870s, and trade unions were pursued with draconian penalties.

Soon after, however, once the Commune uprising had put the whole bourgeoisie into a mad fear of the red specter, a sudden sharp transformation in public opinion began.

The personal organ of President (Leon) Gambetta, *La Republique francaise*, and the whole ruling party of "satisfied republicans;" began to praise the trade-union movement, even to propagate it eagerly.

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**“The Pathway Of Tyrants Lies  
Over Volcanoes”**

**“Oppression, Organized As Ours Is,  
Will Appear Invincible Up To The  
Very Hour Of Its Fall”**

**“Those Who Enslave, Rob, And Torment  
Their Cooks, May Well Expect To Find  
Death In Their Dinner-Pots”**





**Your fathers have said that man's right to liberty is self-evident. There is no need of argument to make it clear. The voices of nature, of conscience, of reason, and of revelation, proclaim it as the right of all rights, the foundation of all trust, and of all responsibility. The sun in the sky is not more palpable to the sight than man's right to liberty is to the moral vision.**

**Not all the skill of politicians, North and South, not all the sophistries of Judges, not all the fulminations of a corrupt press, not all the hypocritical prayers, or the hypocritical refusals to pray of a hollow-hearted priesthood, not all the devices of sin and Satan, can save the vile thing from extermination.**

**May 1857 By Frederick Douglass, Speech on the Dred Scott Decision [Excerpt]**

**[Dred Scott v. Sandford was a decision by the United States Supreme Court, 1857, written by Chief Justice Taney, ruling that people of African descent imported into the United States and held as slaves (or their descendants, whether or not they were slaves) were not protected by the Constitution, and that "The negro has no rights which the white man is bound to respect."]**

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While four millions of our fellow countrymen are in chains--while men, women, and children are bought and sold on the auction-block with horses, sheep, and swine--while the remorseless slave--whip draws the warm blood of our common humanity--it is meet that we assemble as we have done to-day, and lift up our hearts and voices in earnest denunciation of the vile and shocking abomination.

It is not for us to be governed by our hopes or our fears in this great work; yet it is natural on occasions like this, to survey the position of the great struggle which is going on between slavery and freedom, and to dwell upon such signs of encouragement as may have been lately developed, and the state of feeling these signs or events have occasioned in us and among the people generally.

It is a fitting time to take an observation to ascertain where we are, and what our prospects are.

To many, the prospects of the struggle against slavery seem far from cheering.

Eminent men, North and South, in Church and State, tell us that the omens are all against us.

Emancipation, they tell us, is a wild, delusive idea; the price of human flesh was never higher than now; slavery was never more closely entwined about the hearts and affections of the southern people than now; that whatever of conscientious scruple, religious conviction, or public policy, which opposed the system of slavery forty or fifty years ago, has subsided; and that slavery never reposed upon a firmer basis than now.

Completing this picture of the happy and prosperous condition of this system of wickedness, they tell us that this state of things is to be set to our account. Abolition agitation has done it all.

How deep is the misfortune of my poor, bleeding people, if this be so! How lost their condition, if even the efforts of their friends but sink them deeper in ruin!

Without assenting to this strong representation of the increasing strength and stability of slavery, without denouncing what of untruth pervades it, I own myself not insensible to the many difficulties and discouragement that beset us on every hand. They fling their broad and gloomy shadows across the pathway of every thoughtful colored man in this country.

For one, I see them clearly, and feel them sadly. With an earnest, aching heart, I have long looked for the realization of the hope of my people. Standing, as it were, barefoot, and treading upon the sharp and flinty rocks of the present, and looking out upon the boundless sea of the future, I have sought, in my humble way, to penetrate the intervening mists and clouds, and, perchance, to descry, in the dim and shadowy distance, the white flag of freedom, the precise speck of time at which the cruel bondage of my people should end, and the long entombed millions rise from the foul grave of slavery and death.

But of that time I can know nothing, and you can know nothing. All is uncertain at that point.

One thing, however, is certain; slaveholders are in earnest, and mean to cling to their slaves as long as they can, and to the bitter end.

They show no sign of a wish to quit their iron grasp upon the sable throats of their victims.

Their motto is, "a firmer hold and a tighter grip" for every new effort that is made to break their cruel power.

The case is one of life or death with them, and they will give up only when they must do that or do worse.

In one view the slaveholders have a decided advantage over all opposition.

It is well to notice this advantage--the advantage of complete organization.

They are organized; and yet were not at the pains of creating their organizations.

The State governments, where the system of slavery exists, are complete slavery organizations.

The church organizations in those States are equally at the service of slavery; while the Federal Government, with its army and navy, from the chief magistracy in Washington, to the Supreme Court, and thence to the chief marshalship at New York, is pledged to support, defend, and propagate the crying curse of human bondage.

**The pen, the purse, and the sword, are united against the simple truth, preached by humble men in obscure places.**

This is one view.

It is, thank God, only one view; there is another, and a brighter view.

David, you know, looked small and insignificant when going to meet Goliath, but looked larger when he had slain his foe.

The Malakoff [a fortress in Russia stormed by French soldiers] was, to the eye of the world, impregnable, till the hour it fell before the shot and shell of the allied army.

**Thus hath it ever been.**

**Oppression, organized as ours is, will appear invincible up to the very hour of its fall.**

Sir, let us look at the other side, and see if there are not some things to cheer our heart and nerve us up anew in the good work of emancipation.

**Take this fact--for it is a fact--the anti-slavery movement has, from first to last, suffered no abatement.**

**It has gone forth in all directions, and is now felt in the remotest extremities of the Republic.**

**It started small, and was without capital either in men or money. The odds were all against it.**

**It literally had nothing to lose, and everything to gain.**

There was ignorance to be enlightened, error to be combatted, conscience to be awakened, prejudice to be overcome, apathy to be aroused, the right of speech to be secured, mob violence to be subdued, and a deep, radical change to be wrought in the mind and heart of the whole nation.

This great work, under God, has gone on, and gone on gloriously.

Amid all changes, fluctuations, assaults, and adverses of every kind, it has remained firm in its purpose, steady in its aim, onward and upward, defying all opposition, and never losing a single battle.

Our strength is in the growth of anti-slavery conviction, and this has never halted.

There is a significant vitality about this abolition movement. It has taken a deeper, broader, and more lasting hold upon the national heart than ordinary reform movements. Other subjects of much interest come and go, expand and contract, blaze and vanish, but the huge question of American Slavery, comprehending, as it does, not merely the weal or the woe of four millions, and their countless posterity, but the weal or the woe of

this entire nation, must increase in magnitude and in majesty with every hour of its history.

From a cloud not bigger than a man's hand, it has overspread the heavens.

It has risen from a grain not bigger than a mustard seed. Yet see the fowls of the air, how they crowd its branches.

Politicians who cursed it, now defend it; ministers, once dumb, now speak in its praise; and presses, which once flamed with hot denunciations against it, now surround the sacred cause as by a wall of living fire.

Politicians go with it as a pillar of cloud by day, and the press as a pillar of fire by night. With these ancient tokens of success, I, for one, will not despair of our cause.

Those who have undertaken to suppress and crush out this agitation for Liberty and humanity, have been most woefully disappointed.

Many who have engaged to put it down, have found themselves put down.

The agitation has pursued them in all their meanderings, broken in upon their seclusion, and, at the very moment of fancied security, it has settled down upon them like a mantle of unquenchable fire.

Clay, Calhoun, and Webster each tried his hand at suppressing the agitation; and they went to their graves disappointed and defeated.

Loud and exultingly have we been told that the slavery question is settled, and settled forever.

You remember it was settled thirty-seven years ago, when Missouri was admitted into the Union with a slaveholding constitution, and slavery prohibited in all territory north of thirty-six degrees of north latitude.

Just fifteen years afterwards, it was settled again by voting down the right of petition, and gagging down free discussion in Congress.

Ten years after this it was settled again by the annexation of Texas, and with it the war with Mexico.

In 1850 it was again settled. This was called a final settlement. By it slavery was virtually declared to be the equal of Liberty, and should come into the Union on the same terms. By it the right and the power to hunt down men, women, and children, in every part of this country, was conceded to our southern brethren, in order to keep them in the Union.

Four years after this settlement, the whole question was once more settled, and settled by a settlement which unsettled all the former settlements.

**The fact is, the more the question has been settled, the more it has needed settling.**

The space between the different settlements has been strikingly on the decrease.

The first stood longer than any of its successors.

This last settlement must be called the Taney settlement. We are now --the second, ten years--the third, five years--the fourth stood four years --and the fifth has stood the brief space of two years.

This last settlement must be called the Taney settlement.

We are now told, in tones of lofty exultation, that the day is lost all lost and that we might as well give up the struggle. The highest authority has spoken. The voice of the Supreme Court has gone out over the troubled waves of the National Conscience, saying peace, be still.

This infamous decision of the Slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court maintains that slaves are within the contemplation of the Constitution of the United States, property; that slaves are property in the same sense that horses, sheep, and swine are property; that the old doctrine that slavery is a creature of local law is false; that the right of the slaveholder to his slave does not depend upon the local law, but is secured wherever the Constitution of the United States extends; that Congress has no right to prohibit slavery anywhere; that slavery may go in safety anywhere under the star-spangled banner; that colored persons of African descent have no rights that white men are bound to respect; that colored men of African descent are not and cannot be citizens of the United States.

You will readily ask me how I am affected by this devilish decision--this judicial incarnation of wolfishness?

My answer is, and no thanks to the slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court, my hopes were never brighter than now.

I have no fear that the National Conscience will be put to sleep by such an open, glaring, and scandalous tissue of lies as that decision is, and has been, over and over, shown to be.

The Supreme Court of the United States is not the only power in this world. It is very great, but the Supreme Court of the Almighty is greater.

Judge Taney can do many things, but he cannot perform impossibilities. He cannot bail out the ocean, annihilate the firm old earth, or pluck the silvery star of liberty from our Northern sky. He may decide, and decide again; but he cannot reverse the decision of the Most High. He cannot change the essential nature of things--making evil good, and good evil.

Happily for the whole human family, their rights have been defined, declared, and decided in a court higher than the Supreme Court. "There is a law," says Brougham, "above all the enactments of human codes, and by that law, unchangeable and eternal, man cannot hold property in man."

**Your fathers have said that man's right to liberty is self-evident. There is no need of argument to make it clear. The voices of nature, of conscience, of reason, and**

**of revelation, proclaim it as the right of all rights, the foundation of all trust, and of all responsibility.**

**Man was born with it. It was his before he comprehended it. The deed conveying it to him is written in the center of his soul, and is recorded in Heaven.**

**The sun in the sky is not more palpable to the sight than man's right to liberty is to the moral vision.**

To decide against this right in the person of Dred Scott, or the humblest and most whip-scarred bondman in the land, is to decide against God. It is an open rebellion against God's government. It is an attempt to undo what God has done, to blot out the broad distinction instituted by the Allwise between men and things, and to change the image and superscription of the everliving God into a speechless piece of merchandise.

Such a decision cannot stand. God will be true though every man be a liar. We can appeal from this hell-black judgment of the Supreme Court, to the court of common sense and common humanity. We can appeal from man to God. If there is no justice on earth, there is yet justice in heaven. You may close your Supreme Court against the black man's cry for justice, but you cannot, thank God, close against him the ear of a sympathizing world, nor shut up the Court of Heaven.

All that is merciful and just, on earth and in Heaven, will execrate and despise this edict of Taney.

If it were at all likely that the people of these free States would tamely submit to this demoniacal judgment, I might feel gloomy and sad over it, and possibly it might be necessary for my people to look for a home in some other country.

But as the case stands, we have nothing to fear.

In one point of view, we, the abolitionists and colored people, should meet this decision, unlooked for and monstrous as it appears, in a cheerful spirit.

This very attempt to blot out forever the hopes of an enslaved people may be one necessary link in the chain of events preparatory to the downfall and complete overthrow of the whole slave system.

The whole history of the anti-slavery movement is studded with proof that all measures devised and executed with a view to ally and diminish the anti-slavery agitation, have only served to increase, intensify, and embolden that agitation.

This wisdom of the crafty has been confounded, and the counsels of the ungodly brought to nought.

It was so with the Fugitive Slave Bill. It was so with the Kansas-Nebraska Bill; and it will be so with this last and most shocking of all pro-slavery devices, this Taney decision.

When great transactions are involved, where the fate of millions is concerned, where a long enslaved and suffering people are to be delivered, I am superstitious enough to

believe that the finger of the Almighty may be seen bringing good out of evil, and making the wrath of man redound to his honor, hastening the triumph of righteousness.

The American people have been called upon, in a most striking manner, to abolish and put away forever the system of slavery. The subject has been pressed upon their attention in all earnestness and sincerity.

The cries of the slave have gone forth to the world, and up to the throne of God.

This decision, in my view, is a means of keeping the nation awake on the subject. It is another proof that God does not mean that we shall go to sleep, and forget that we are a slaveholding nation.

Step by step we have seen the slave power advancing; poisoning, corrupting, and perverting the institutions of the country; growing more and more haughty, imperious, and exacting. The white man's liberty has been marked out for the same grave with the black man's.

The ballot box is desecrated, God's law set at naught, armed legislators stalk the halls of Congress, freedom of speech is beaten down in the Senate. The rivers and highways are infested by border ruffians, and white men are made to feel the iron heel of slavery.

This ought to arouse us to kill off the hateful thing. They are solemn warnings to which the white people, as well as the black people, should take heed.

If these shall fail, judgment, more fierce or terrible, may come.

**The lightning, whirlwind, and earthquake may come.**

**Jefferson said that he trembled for his country when he reflected that God is just, and his justice cannot sleep forever.**

**The time may come when even the crushed worm may turn under the tyrant's feet. Goaded by cruelty, stung by a burning sense of wrong, in an awful moment of depression and desperation, the bondman and bondwoman at the south may rush to one wild and deadly struggle for freedom.**

**Already slaveholders go to bed with bowie knives, and apprehend death at their dinners.**

**Those who enslave, rob, and torment their cooks, may well expect to find death in their dinner-pots.**

The world is full of violence and fraud, and it would be strange if the slave, the constant victim of both fraud and violence, should escape the contagion.

He, too, may learn to fight the devil with fire, and for one, I am in no frame of mind to pray that this may be long deferred.

Two remarkable occurrences have followed the presidential election; one was the unaccountable sickness traced to the National Hotel at Washington, and the other was the discovery of a plan among the slaves, in different localities, to slay their oppressors.

Twenty or thirty of the suspected were put to death. Some were shot, some hanged, some burned, and some died under the lash.

One brave man owned himself well acquainted with the conspiracy, but said he would rather die than disclose the facts.

He received seven hundred and fifty lashes, and his noble spirit went away to the God who gave it.

The name of this hero has been by the meanness of tyrants suppressed. Such a man redeems his race. He is worthy to be mentioned with the Hoffers and Tells, the noblest heroes of history.

**These insurrectionary movements have been put down, but they may break out at any time, under the guidance of higher intelligence, and with a more invincible spirit.**

**The fire thus kindled, may be revived again; the flames are extinguished, but the embers remain; one terrible blast may produce an ignition, which shall wrap the whole South in wild conflagration.**

**The pathway of tyrants lies over volcanoes; the very air they breathe is heavy with sorrows; agonizing heart-throbs convulse them while sleeping, and the wind whispers death as over them sweeping.**

**By all the laws of nature, civilization, and of progress, slavery is a doomed system.**

**Not all the skill of politicians, North and South, not all the sophistries of Judges, not all the fulminations of a corrupt press, not all the hypocritical prayers, or the hypocritical refusals to pray of a hollow-hearted priesthood, not all the devices of sin and Satan, can save the vile thing from extermination.**

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## **STUCK ON STUPID**

# **The CIA Left “Explosive Training Material” Under The Hood Of A**



# **Loudoun County School Bus After A Training Exercise Last Week: The Bus “Was Used To Ferry Elementary And High School Students To And From School On Monday And Tuesday”**

03 April 16 by Charles Pierce, Esquire

The Stupid Café is always open to hosting group events in our luxurious banquet and ballroom facilities in that part of the complex known colloquially as “Out Back By The Recycling Bins.”

So, when a large group of people dressed in trenchcoats, dark glasses, false mustaches, and brandishing exploding seashells showed up, we were well able to accommodate their party.

The CIA left “explosive training material” under the hood of a Loudoun County school bus after a training exercise last week, a bus that was used to ferry elementary and high school students to and from school on Monday and Tuesday with the material still sitting in the engine compartment, according to the CIA and Loudoun County officials.

The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and the CIA said in statements Thursday that the explosive material was left behind after a training exercise at Briar Woods High School during spring break. The CIA said it was a training scenario for explosives-detecting dogs.

They should have put the dogs in charge. They’re pretty clearly the brains of the operation.

Loudoun schools spokesman Wayde Byard said the CIA indicated the nature of the material but asked the school system not to disclose it. Byard described it as a “putty-type” material designed for use on the battlefield and which requires a special detonator; such putty, or plastic, explosives—including the well-known C-4—are used in demolition and are considered stable.

Byard said law enforcement agencies use school facilities on occasion to conduct realistic training exercises, including active-shooter drills.

As part of last week’s training exercise, CIA trainers placed explosive material into the engine compartment of a school bus on Thursday to test a dog’s ability to sniff it out. They also placed the material in parts of the school. Byard said the dog successfully found the material in the engine compartment, but some of the material fell deeper inside the compartment and became wedged beneath the hoses.

The National Intelligence Program is budgeted at \$53.5 billion this year.

They can't buy their own fleet of school buses?

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Zionist Settlers Raze Palestinian Lands South of Nablus, As Usual**



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Israeli settlers, on Sunday, razed land in the village of Jallud, to the south of Nablus, that belongs to a Palestinian man.

Ghassan Daghlis, who monitors settlement activities in northern West Bank, said settlers from the illegal settlement of Esh Kodesh razed, with bulldozers, land that belongs to Ahmad Muhammad.

He said, according to Wafa, that works in the village's land, near the illegal settlement of Ahya, have been ongoing, with Israeli authorities notifying some Palestinian families to stop construction of their homes.

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# **Occupation Troops Destroy Palestinian Agricultural Lands In Gaza, As Usual**



3rd of March 2016 International Solidarity Movement, al-Khalil team [Excerpts]

At around 9am on Thursday, the 31st March, four Israeli bulldozers entered the Gaza Strip at El Fakhuri.

They came in order to destroy agricultural lands located near the border, once again violating the indefinite truce that ended the 2014 Israeli aggression against Gaza.

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**Occupation Troops Destroy  
Palestinian Agricultural Lands In  
Gaza, As Usual:  
“Ongoing Israeli Policies Of Collective  
Punishment, Field Executions, And  
Blockading Palestinian Cities, Villages,  
And Refugee Camps”**

April 3, 2016 Ma'an

NABLUS- Israeli forces raided the town of Huwwara in the northern occupied West Bank on Sunday, forcing shop owners on the town's main street to close down.

Israeli forces also reportedly distributed leaflets south of Nablus threatening to set up checkpoints at the entrances to Huwwara if there were any clashes with Palestinian residents of the area.

The leaflets said the threat of escalation in Israeli security measures was due to a recent rise in stone-throwing incidents around Huwwara. An Israeli army spokesperson told Ma'an they were looking into the reports.

Eyewitnesses told Ma'an that Israeli settlers' vehicles were recently damaged near Huwwara, which is located south of the city of Nablus, after Palestinians threw stones at them.

Israeli forces have shut down roads to a number of Palestinian towns since the beginning of the year, including the city of Ramallah, after residents of these areas carried out or allegedly attempted to carry out attacks against Israeli soldiers.

Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah denounced in March the Israeli practice of blockading Palestinian towns as amounting to "collective punishment."

"Ongoing Israeli policies of collective punishment, field executions, and blockading Palestinian cities, villages, and refugee camps will worsen the security situation in the area," he said.

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