



# The Hancock County Democrat

## Hancock County Democratic Party

### Police From a Different View Juliette Lawson

Defunding the police is a term going around these days and like many I was leery when I first heard it. I, like a lot, believe lots of problems occurring in our society is a direct result of the lack of funding to important institutions such as the police. They, in my mind, are a system of security put in place to prevent crime and stop criminal activity before it spills over and devastates too many law-abiding, hard-working citizens' lives. I was raised in a safe, rural community, predominately white with a small police force.

Now, I ask all of you to take a look at the police through the eyes of those individuals not as blessed to be born to a family in a small, safe community. How does it look that whenever the police are called to keep the peace, they end up physically restraining and arresting people in front of their family, children, and neighbors in a demoralizing manner, possibly resulting in injury or death? How does it look when you see an officer chasing down and shooting a man in the back before planting illicit drugs for evidence? How do police look when they barge into the home of your neighbor in the middle of the night without warning and murder an unarmed female because a warning shot was fired in attempts to ward off the supposed vandals breaking into the home? These are some of the countless examples being shown to me over time leaving me to wonder, what are the police doing? Who are they protecting? Where is the respect of life and honor of serving your community?

I understand not all police are bad, refer to the beginning of the letter, but clearly, I see one side and there

is a whole other side I have just begun to see. And now back to the defunding issue, I have changed my view of it, why view it as a loss of funding for one sector when really, we should view it as a gain for other areas in much more need of resources. Should police be called for every domestic disturbance? Or could a social worker be assigned to help figure out the root of the disturbances and provide the needed resources? Should we continue arresting drug offenders just to roll them through the system, spit them out the other side with fewer job futures and no stable housing because of a record which in turn leads them to a more drug and crime orientated life? Maybe there is a way to help the overburdened police forces all over our country and use our health, mental, financial support systems more appropriately. We could gear our society to be more proactive and compassionate to issues therefore saving time and suffering rather than the model of obedience out of fear and figure it out yourself we have been running for decades. We are in this together.

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## OK, Millennial

Bruce Workman



An actual photo of me on a Sunday afternoon yelling at the neighbor's kids.

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Seriously, you are fine. A few of my generation may have been giving you a hard time and are judging you harshly. They have probably conveniently forgotten when it was like when they were your age. We were the ruin of civilization (so much more to destroy, so little time). Vice President Spiro Agnew, enraged by those who had the audacity to protest the war in Southeast Asia, called us the "Spock marked generation." This was in reference to Dr. Benjamin Spock, a pediatrician who, among other things, came up with the idea that beating the hell out of kids may not be the best way to go. If our parents had only beat us more, we may have all become good Republicans. There is nothing like repeated raps on the knuckles to make one fearful, rigid, and afraid of change.

We were spoiled and lazy never-do-wells who were destined to destroy the nation. Since Donald Trump is also part of the Boomer generation, that last part may have been prophetic. When you are rebels without

a clue in rural Indiana you have nothing better to do than gather around the courthouse, talking, possibly waiting for a dealer, chasing the old whittling codgers off the limber dick bench and generally causing irrational fears. Remember we were the first generation to grow up with television. There was much concern that television had caused us to have decreased attention spans. Does that sound at all familiar?

Do not worry about a few old goats calling you names. This has been going on for years. I have no doubt that every generation was considered the worst at some point. Many of us baby boomers think you are doing what you can to make things better. A lot of us are worried about the world we may leave you. Maybe together we can change the path of doom we have been on for the last 3½ years. Then we can be envious of your youth again and the bright futures you will have. And stay off my lawn!

## We Need To Get Rid Of This Guy

Bruce Workman



The demented Mr. Trump has taken another giant leap for insane kind. He suggested Martin Gugino, the 75-year-old man pushed by two recently fired Buffalo police officers, was a plant by Antifa. I am 8 years younger than Mr. Gugino and the only thing restraining me from my desire to kick young Nazi ass was the knowledge of my physical inability to do so. He is a failed President in every aspect of the office.

What did we expect from a guy who considers Alex Jones a great soothsayer? Or some-

one who claims there are many fine people within a group of tiki torch-carrying Nazis? Will history judge the red-hatted admirers at his rallies the same way depicts the stiff-armed crown saluting Hitler? Will their grandchildren be ashamed to be associated with them? The quicker we flush this turd, threatening to stain our democratic republic forever, the quicker we get the answers to these and other great historical questions.

## Letters to the Courier? Bruce Workman

One big advantage of writing for The HC Democrat is that you can write replies that the Courier would never publish. I have discovered a pattern to what letters get selected. It is set up, so the right-wing nut jobs or homophobic Christians always have the opportunity to have the last word. It may be policy to only allow one letter a month per individual, but an individual is allowed to reply, especially if mentioned by name, until everyone stops answering. There seems to have been an exception made in my case. Deplorable #1, I do not bother to remember their names I just assign a number, got to reply twice to my one response. I guess he had another brain fart he couldn't hold in and the editor said 'let 'er rip.'

Deplorables #2 and #3. The old codger and his wife who objected to protests in downtown Findlay. My reply: "In every digital dictionary there should be a picture of this couple next to the definition of white privilege. You are undoubtedly in a high-risk group and were in much more risk of contracting a coronavirus than any harm from a group of innocent young people exercising their first amendment rights who may have come briefly into your view. Go back to your bunker and stay there!"

Deplorable #4. The homophobic bible thump-

er who seems to think he is our early warning system for the consequences of evil. My reply: "You got this one, in some later versions of the bible it says a man lying with a man is an abomination right there in Leviticus 18. Of course, it says in Leviticus 19 'When a foreigner resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him.' How have you done on that one? In Exodus it says it permissible to sell one's daughter into slavery. I love my daughter, so I was alright with missing out on that biblical financial opportunity. The bible is the word of God, right? Check out Genesis. God talks to himself a lot and has conflicting accounts of creation. Maybe a whole week's work tired him out and he became confused as to what he had done? You seem to like your bible the same way you like your news. You like picking out the parts you find agreeable while disregarding the rest.

See how fun this can be? There is much more than a basket of deplorables in Hancock County. I would venture there were enough to fill a good-sized town or small city. You should have plenty of opportunity to respond how you would really want to. Sure, they are unlikely to see it, but remember the Courier policy about replies. Besides making fun of people behind their backs can also be quite satisfying.



## **Our View: To President Trump: You should resign now**

**He lacks the character, maturity and judgment to lead the country in a perilous time.**

**The Editorial Board Portland Press Herald**



President Trump: We're sorry that you decided to come to Maine, but since you are here, could you do us a favor? Resign.

You have never been a good president, but today your shortcomings are unleashing historic levels of suffering on the American people..

Your slow response to the coronavirus pandemic has spun a manageable crisis into the worst public health emergency since 1918.

We are also in the middle of the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression. There is no national strategy to recover from the shock that is disproportionately affecting people who were already struggling to make it.

And in the face of the worst civic unrest since 1968, with millions of Americans in the streets protesting systemic racism, you fan the flames.

In just the last week you gleefully tweeted about shooting fellow citizens; you goaded governors into escalating violent situations so they don't "look like jerks;" and you authorized the use of rubber bullets and tear gas to clear peaceful protesters out of a public space so you could pose for a Bible-waving photo-op.

These are just a few examples of why you lack the character, maturity and judgment to lead our country in this perilous time. You should resign.

We have to agree with you on one point: You were right to skip making an address to the nation as other presidents have done in times of national emergency.

You correctly concluded that you have nothing to say that would make the situation better. When what's called for is compassion, clear vision and a commitment to lead, you are out of ammo.

But bringing the nation together in times of distress is a big part of the job when you are head of state. You can't do it, so you should resign.

As head of government, you have unmatched power to direct resources to relieve suffering. You can't or won't do that, either, so you should resign.

And in your mistreatment of lawful protesters and abuse of religious symbols, you have violated your oath to protect and defend the Constitution, so you should resign

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Your supporters will no doubt say that this is an election year, and it should be left up to the voters to decide whether you deserve to stay in office..

But ask yourself – can this country take five more months like the last five? You are a president supported by a minority of the people, and your only path to victory in November is to further divide the nation. This campaign could do even more lasting damage than you have done already.

We know that you are not much of a student of history, but you recently said that you “learned a lot from Richard Nixon.”

That’s good, because he set the historical precedent for what you should do now.

In a nationally televised address, Nixon said that he knew that he was about to be impeached over Watergate, and he wanted to fight the charges

But since that would be destructive to the nation he served; he chose instead to resign. Nixon said: “By taking this action, I hope that I will have hastened the start of that process of healing which is so desperately needed in America.”

America needs to heal again. Please resign now, and let us begin.

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