



**LIBERTY ALWAYS HAS ENEMIES**

**The Foundation**

"To judge from the history of mankind, we shall be compelled to conclude that the fiery and destructive passions of war reign in the human breast with much more powerful sway than the mild and beneficent sentiments of peace." --Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 34

**Editorial Exegesis**

"Regardless of whether the terrorist culprits behind the Boston Marathon bombing are foreign or domestic, the carnage has already given Americans an important reminder: Freedom is always a target. ... On a



Terror attack in Boston

number of levels, the details are chilling. At least three were killed near the finish line of the world-famous Boston Marathon, including an 8-year-old boy watching his father compete. Over 170 were injured, including the boy's mother and sister, with numerous victims' limbs severed. On top of the obvious intentional grisliness are the facts that pressure cookers were apparently used, with gunpowder or the like as explosive, and ball bearings as shrapnel -- the latter well known to Israeli suicide bomber victims. ... The most insightful observation may have come from someone as close to 9/11 as anyone, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The morning after the Boston attack, he told CBS, 'It's surprising there haven't been more of these since Sept. 11th.' Giuliani reminded a lulled public what many have forgotten: 'We expected many attacks like this.' ... But whoever is responsible for the terror at the marathon, even if it turns out to be another domestic mass murderer with political motives, like the Unabomber, Americans must remember that ordered liberty will always have

its enemies, inside and outside. Those enemies wish to foment a bloody chaos as they weaken our national will to continue to secure the blessings of liberty for our posterity. ... Giuliani is right. What is amazing is that 'there haven't been more of these since September 11th.' Sadly, Boston may be the beginning of our way of life being attacked -- here at home -- more often." - [Investor's Business Daily](#)

**Upright**

"On Monday, Boston and America joined cities like Jerusalem and nations like Ireland, which have long known that safety is relative, that the danger that comes from asserting the values we hold dear is omnipresent, that life itself is a gift that can be taken not only by cancer and heart disease, but by the disease of terrorism. We are no more vulnerable today than yesterday, but we will feel more vulnerable, because we had no known hint of what was to befall us. ... Here is the irony: We are vulnerable, because we are free and strong. These qualities attract the ire of those who would have us shackled and weak, who are consumed by hatred for individual possibilities, rather than love for what a free person can dream about and strive for and accomplish." --psychiatrist Dr. Keith Ablow

"The smoke had yet to clear from the terrorist attack in Boston when some politicians were calling for more money to be spent on domestic surveillance and anti-terrorism programs. The United States spent well over \$1 trillion on 'homeland security' in the decade after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC. We have passed, and renewed, the so-called Patriot Act, revised our laws regarding electronic surveillance, created the TSA (and an alphabet soup of other federal agencies) and are now prepared to fill our own skies with armed drones -- all in the name of keeping our country 'safe.' But as the attack on the Boston Marathon

demonstrated, all of this may prove to be of little avail in an open and pluralistic society being attacked in what amounts to a religious war. ... Trading freedom for safety has never worked, and putting both in the hands of politicians has proven to be an extremely expensive proposition." --ConservativeHQ

"Law enforcement, big-city mayors and security experts all echoed that famous post-terrorism refrain: 'If you see something, say something.' But who really means it? In post-9/11 America, the truth is that our politically correct guardians only want you to see, say or do something if it can't be construed by grievance-mongers as racist, sexist, Islamophobic, homophobic, nativist or any other '-ist' or '-ic.' Face it: We live in a self-defeating culture that pays lip service to heroic action in times of crisis, yet brutally punishes the very kind of snap judgments and instant security profiling that make such heroism possible in the first place. ... I would rather be damned if I do than dead if I don't." --columnist Michelle Malkin

### Insight

"As I watch government at all levels daily eat away at our freedom, I keep thinking how prosperity and government largesse have combined to make most of us fat and lazy and indifferent to, or actually in favor of, the limits being placed on that freedom." --former Reagan press secretary and political consultant Lyn Nofziger (1924-2006)

"When more of the people's sustenance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of government, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government." --President Grover Cleveland (1837-1908)

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where we were last year, and have until Friday to catch up -- so do it today!

### Demo-gogues

Ignoring the problem? "[W]e salute all those who assisted in responding so quickly and professionally to this tragedy. We still do not know who did this or why. And people shouldn't jump to conclusions before we have all the facts. But make no mistake -- we will get to the bottom of this." --Barack Obama, who initially neglected to call the "tragedy" an "act of terror"

Gun grabbers: "I think we've got a good chance of seeing [gun control] pass if members of Congress are listening to the American people. The notion that Congress would defy the overwhelming instinct of the American people after what we saw happen in Newtown, I think, is unimaginable." --Barack Obama

Slip of the tongue? "On the anti-gun legislation before the Senate, we are making good progress on the effort to schedule a series of votes on amendments to the anti-gun violence legislation before the Senate." --Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV)

The BIG Lie: "I think there are multiple reasons for ensuring that we invest in our security ... and don't pursue an irrational, across-the-board policy of cutting the highest priorities and the lowest priorities essentially the same percentage. ... I think this [bombing] is another proof of that." --Demo House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer blaming the Boston bombings on sequester cuts (*Apparently Hoyer figured that if Obama can use the caskets of murdered Newtown children as a political platform to promote his agenda, Hoyer could use the death and dismemberment of citizens in Boston for the same purpose.*)

So what's wrong with that? "It used to be we were dealing almost exclusively with hunters. There's a whole new sort of group of individuals now who ... never hunt at all but they own guns for one of two reasons: self protection or they just like the feel of that

AR-15 at the range. They like the way it feels. You know, it's like driving a Ferrari." --Joe Biden

"Do you need a 30 round clip [sic] and an AR-15 to hunt? ... I don't understand, and I never have, why this nation is better, how we protect our people better, with these weapons being so readily available." --Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Deficits are great: "If you look at the deficit, we brought it down in three years from 10.1 percent of GDP to, last year, 7.1 percent of GDP. This year it will be about five and a half. That's the largest deficit reduction, fastest, since the demobilization after World War II. It is too fast. It is having an inhibiting effect on the economic growth and employment. ... [T]he deficit is not our immediate problem; our immediate problem is an economy which is going to stay at 7.6, 7.8 percent unemployment indefinitely." --Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)



### Dezinformatsia

The Leftmedia didn't wait five minutes after Monday's Boston bombing to start blaming the Tea Party and right-wingers:

"If it was more conventional explosives, which are much harder to get a hold of now, that might be some other kind of right-wing extremists. ... [W]e've also seen other extremist groups, right-wing groups, for instance, trying to attack the Martin Luther King parade in Oregon in 2010." --CNN's Peter Bergen

"Well ... [it's] tax day today. That came up. ... But of course, it's Patriots' Day. It's also the Boston Marathon. And would you as an expert be thinking domestic at this point? ... Normally, domestic terrorists ... tend to be on the far right." --MSNBC's Chris Matthews

"The interesting thing is, this is someone on a stage trying to make a statement and that statement has been lost. We don't know whether they're trying to complain about abortion, about taxes. This did happen on tax day in Boston, the place of the Tea Party." --MSNBC analyst Adam Lankford

"We don't know anything yet of course, but it is tax day & my first thought was all these anti-gov groups, but who knows." --Huffington Post blogger Nida Khan

"Let's hope the Boston Marathon bomber is a white American" --article by Salon's David Sirota

"Now, if it's a right-wing white guy, those same exact people will turn around and say, 'Well, look, let's not over blow this. I mean it's just one crazy guy, he doesn't affect anything else. It has no other implications, let's just all calm down.'" --Current TV's Cenk Uygur

"[The Boston] explosion is a reminder that ATF needs a director. Shame on Senate Republicans for blocking apptment [sic]." --New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof taking to Twitter for a quick round of blame

Gun grabbers: "The truth is that the Newtown slaughter has finally moved the gun debate away from irrational emotions, ridiculous assumptions, manipulative rhetoric -- and, on the part of politicians, debilitating terror at the alleged electoral reach of those who see any new gun regulations as a step into totalitarianism. These bills are being taken seriously precisely because we are finally putting emotion aside. We are riding a wave of reason. ... Reason tells us that our freedom as Americans does not rest on the

existence of an armed citizenry." --Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne

### **Newspulper Headlines:**

Out on a Limb: "Beware Obama's Budget Predictions: Many Forecasts Are Wrong" --NationalJournal.com

We Blame George W. Bush: "Taxes Due? Blame It on the Civil War" --WashingtonTimes.com

That's Racist: "Obama's Lazy Budget" --Washington Post

Man Gets 8 Years for Reading From Teleprompter -- Now *That* Would Be News: "Man Gets 7 Years for Stealing Obama's Teleprompter" --WMAQ-TV website (Chicago)

(Thanks to [The Wall Street Journal's James Taranto](#))

### **Village Idiots**

More blame game: "You use those words ['terrorist attack'] and it means something very specific in people's mind. And I'm sure what was going through the president's mind is -- we really don't know who did this -- it was tax day." --former White House adviser David Axelrod

"In this terrible situation, let's be very grateful that we had a well-funded, functioning government. It is very fashionable in America, and has been for some time to criticize government, belittle public employees, talk about their pensions, talk about what people think ... of [their] health care. ... No tax cut would have helped us deal with this or will help us recover. This is very expensive." --former Rep. Barney Frank

"Westboro Baptist Church [sic] to picket funerals of those dead by Boston Bombs! GOD SENT THE BOMBS IN FURY OVER FAG MARRIAGE! #PraiseGod" --Westboro tweet

"What bothers me most about today is that we're getting used [to] it. ENOUGH. 2nd amendment must go. Violence has [to] stop. Culture MUST change. The 2nd Amendment lends itself to the CULTURE of

violence we are living in." --actor Jay Mohr tweeting an anti-gun tirade

"[Foreign students are] actually scared. They think they're not safe in the United States, and so they don't come." --John Kerry on guns

"I would argue if you want to sell your gun to your son, maybe you have a problem in your family. Why don't you just give -- I don't know if you should have a gun or not, but if you have a commercial transaction of \$100 with your son, there's something wrong in your family." --New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

### **Short Cuts**

"It seems not so much as the left think it's likely the right are responsible as much as they seem to be hoping and praying that this time it will finally be the right-wingers and the left will then be able to screech and condemn the right for it. It's like each terrorist attack is a present, and the left open it up hoping it will be the toy they've always wanted always only to once again find socks instead. Deadly, deadly socks." --humorist Frank J. Fleming

"It's against the backdrop of peril that some of our politicians give in so easily to the temptation to indulge in cheap politics. ... Pressure for pressure-cooker control will inevitably follow, with zealots determined to confiscate pressure cookers. New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg might suggest adding this kitchen assault weapon to the gun-control legislation now pending in Congress." --The Washington Times

"North Korean officials reportedly are planning a cyber attack on the U.S. in an effort to bring our economy to a halt. Nice try guys. You're five years too late." --comedian Jay Leno

"Lady Margaret Thatcher was eulogized Monday as a great woman and as a champion for liberty. Her era was so different from today's. President Obama expressed his sorrow for the passing of the Iron Lady and sent his condolences to her husband, Iron Man." --comedian Argus Hamilton

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