

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker urges support for law enforcement amid riots

Defunding police is a recipe for disaster

Americans have been over six downtown blocks deeply disturbed by the chaos that has unfolded lately on our city streets. One of the more recent scenes erupted in Chicago, where a misunderstanding with police devolved into gunshots and violence. By the early morning hours, looters were pillaging Best Buy and Old Navy outlets, local restaurants, and mom-and-pop stores – all in the plain sight of television camera crews. These scenes of upheaval have become all too familiar. In Seattle, anarchists took

more mayhem and injustice. President Trump has admirably stepped up and warned that if city mayors do not establish order, federal forces will be sent in to protect American life and property. The President's support for law and order is indeed welcome, but it is a shame that some mayors need prodding to restore the rule of law. City residents are desperate for police protection. Unfortunately, a growing number of politicians are working to defund the police and undermine law enforcement. This idea is absurd, and Americans know it – polls show that 73 percent of the country is against cutting funds for police. Despite this overwhelming majority, some members of Congress have called for diverting federal dollars away from police

Restoring Order to Our Streets

These lawless acts have no place in a civilized society and need to be dealt with swiftly. Tolerating this behavior will only lead to

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departments. The American Civil Liberties Union even called for the Department of Homeland Security to be abolished. Senate Republicans are determined to block any such proposals. Regrettably, some local governments are already putting these dangerous ideas into practice. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio pushed through a \$1 billion cut to the NYPD and trimmed his police force by over 1,000 officers. Seattle took a similar path and cut \$4 million from its police budget. In response, Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best, the first African American woman to hold the job in the city's history, resigned and said the cuts reflected an "overarching disrespect of the officers." And in perhaps the most radical effort, Minneapolis City Council

members are seeking to dissolve the city's police force altogether.

Government's Duty to Protect Citizens

Securing public safety is among the most basic responsibilities of any government. In fact, it is the very reason government was created. For thousands of years, people have organized themselves into tribes and political communities to protect against attacks on their lives and property. As John Locke once put it, "where there is no law, there is no freedom." Law enforcement is indispensable because it ensures that our rights and freedoms are protected. There are legitimate concerns today about police

misusing their authority, and I have cosponsored Republican Senator Tim Scott's JUSTICE Act to bring about helpful reforms. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats blocked this bill from even being debated. This cost us a valuable opportunity to address an issue of importance to many Americans. I hope no one actually believes that today's rioters are seeking legitimate reforms or justice of any kind. Their actions create new injustice and put our citizens at risk. As the President works with local authorities to bring calm and security to our city streets, I will continue working to support law enforcement in all levels of government.

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Living With Children

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One of my books, "Making the 'Terrible' Twos Terrific!," has recently become a best-seller in China, of all places. Seriously! What sorts of problems are Chinese parents having with their toddlers? The same problems American, French, Russian, Australian, Nigerian, Brazilian, Czech and parents of all other nationalities are having with theirs, that's what. Human nature is human nature, folks. Children do not come into the world civilized; rather, they must be civilized. They must be taught to accept submission to legitimate authority, for starters. They must be taught respect for the property and persons of others. They must be taught to control their impulses, because most of their innate impulses are destructive and self-serving. They must be taught to accept "no" for an answer, to wait in line, and that they aren't the best at everything or even most things. None of that comes easy for a toddler, which is why toddlers scream so much. And by the way, their screams are all screams of pain because nothing is more painful than having to accept that you are not God or even a god. The "terrible twos" actually begin sometime during a child's second year of life – say, eighteen months – and last until around his or her third birthday. That finite period assumes that the child's parents accomplish what is described in the previous paragraph during that time. If they fail to do so, toddlerhood continues. Eventually, it becomes known as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and/or bipolar disorder of childhood. Blaming the child's biology (even though no one has proven that said "disorders" are biologically-based) is so much

more tidy (and profitable) than implying that his parents failed in their mission. So, the question begs, how does one complete the mission by age three?

First, childproof the home. That ensures that parents will not spend great energy following the living tornado from room to room, slapping his little hands, yelling "stop that!" fifty times a day and generally setting disciplinary precedents that will come back to haunt them.

Second, create a "tantrum place" where said little beastie, when possessed by a demon, can flail and scream all he wants. An out-of-the-way place, preferably, where his flailing and screaming will disturb no one but himself, which is fitting. Simply help him to his special place whenever he begins to scream, deposit him (you'll likely be dragging him at this point), and say, "Here you go! Scream all you want, my sweet little angel," and walk away.

Third, remember that undomesticated barbarians do not sit for time-out. No matter. Select a time-out chair anyway. When he decides to play James Dean, just take him to said chair and put him in it. Then step back and say, "Okay, you can get up now." Make sure you say it before he gets up on his own. That creates the illusion that he is obeying you, which is all you're trying to accomplish because it's all you can accomplish.

Fourth, always remember that "no" is the most important word in your vocabulary. The sooner he gets used to it, the sooner you can dispense with the second suggestion, above, and the happier he will be.

Fifth, put him to bed as early as possible. Family psychologist John Rosemond: johnrosemond.com, parentguru.com.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF TCHULA

The City of Tchula will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 on September 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 1027 Main Street, Tchula, MS.

The City of Tchula is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$733,423.00. (22.66%) or 202,942.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$732,177.00 of that amount (22.52%) or \$164,954.00 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year (2021) above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures, equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for the fiscal year 2021.

The City of Tchula millage rate remains the same as last year at 47.05.

Any citizen of the City of Tchula is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.