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An Insurrection Similar To 2020 We Cannot Lose

By Bill Connor

In the summer of 2020, nationwide violent civil unrest following the tragic death of George Floyd gripped the nation. All major political and media figures, on both sides of the political spectrum, had condemned what appeared to have happened to George Floyd, but that didn't matter. The death was a clear aberration, as "the Washington Post's database of fatal police shootings showed 14 unarmed Black victims and 25 unarmed white victims in 2019.... The number of unarmed Black shooting victims is down 63% from 2015,

when the database began. There are about 7,300 Black homicide victims a year. The 14 unarmed victims in fatal police shootings would comprise only 0.2% of that total." <https://manhattan.institute/article/there-is-no-epidemic-of-fatal-police-shootings-against-unarmed-black-americans> That didn't matter. This aberrant incident should have been solely a news story. Instead, it was used by our enemies to start an insurrection in almost the same way we are witnessing now against ICE.

First, by US Code Title 18 Section 2383, an insurrection involves a violent uprising and/or actively opposing



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is a testament to the power of the uprising in the city where it started. The capitalist establishment has realized that promises of piecemeal reform will no longer have any impact on the protesters, who made their feelings clear when they burned down the third precinct. Even more than that. The protesters in Minneapolis not only burned down one of the police precincts, but they also started building neighborhood defence. <https://communist.red/us-ruling-class-on-the-defensive-as-black-lives-matter-movement-grows/> Other communist and/or socialist publications lauded Floyd riots overwhelming State and Federal law enforcement to bring anarchy. Part of Seattle, "CHOPs" (aka "CHAZ"), was seized by socialist Floyd rioters who then barred Federal or State law enforcement from entering. <https://www.history-link.org/File/22870> From those supporting the civil unrest came ubiquitous calls to abolish police and end capitalism.

The same is again happening in Minneapolis now. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CPB) surged to Minneapolis to carry out their mission of enforcement of immigration law as they have done elsewhere. The Constitution grants the Federal government control over immigration, so agents cannot legally be hindered in their duties. ICE and CPB have had millions of interactions with citizens and non-citizens throughout the U.S. while apprehending those who have violated immigration law. Unfortunately, in Minneapolis the same kind of rioters from 2020 immediately went to "work" against ICE and CPB. In two unfortunate incidents, those who were impeding Federal Law enforcement died. Unfortunately, this happens with massive rioting against agents conducting dangerous missions of removing dangerous criminals.

The socialist and/or communist fingerprints are already clear. A recent investigation found a Chinese Communist Party advocate and billionaire, Neville Roy Singham, has been funding those opposing Federal law enforcement in Minneapolis through socialist/communist front groups: "several organizations are acting as lead voices in physically mobilizing agitators in Minneapolis, as well as communicating through multiple channels to encourage agitators to take to the streets in Minnesota and other cities. The Party for Socialism and Liberation and The People's Forum are two of the core groups who allegedly have been behind facilitating and pushing agitators to organize on multiple occasions." <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ccp-connected-millionaire-allegedly-bankrolls-minneapolis-agitator-groups-through-dark-money-network>

Family & Marriage

National Marriage Week

"If you're fortunate enough to be in a marriage, you should look after it." - Richard Kane, Founder, Marriage Week

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'... 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.'" - Bible (Genesis 2:18-25)

National Marriage Week, February 7th to 14th, is upon us. It reminds us to celebrate the love, commitment, and growth that marriage can bring. Take time to cherish your relationship and reflect on the journey you've shared together. For more information, check out the website for National Marriage Week, marriageweek.org. National Marriage Week reminds us that the more we invest in our marriage, the greater return we reap, not just for ourselves but more importantly for our marriage, and for society in general.

Marriage is one of God's greatest gifts to us. God through His infinite wisdom says there are eternal benefits to be received when a man and a woman unite in marriage. First of all, marriage is a sacred covenant. As it says in Genesis 2:24, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh." It represents a lifelong commitment made before God, rooted in love, mutual respect, and shared purpose. It isn't just hooking up with one another, until disagreement or disenchantment separates. I repeat, it is a lifelong commitment made before God, to one another. God made it clear that the best way to raise children is in this covenant relationship. Empirical evidence and testimonies abound showing the benefits of a married man and woman, raising their children together according to God's plan.

Research has found that on average, children in households with married biological parents experience more stability than any other relationship structure. Committed marriages provide emotional security, knowing someone is committed to you through good times and bad; financial security, with combined resources and shared financial planning; social security, with a built-in support system and advocate; and future security, someone to grow old with and care for you.

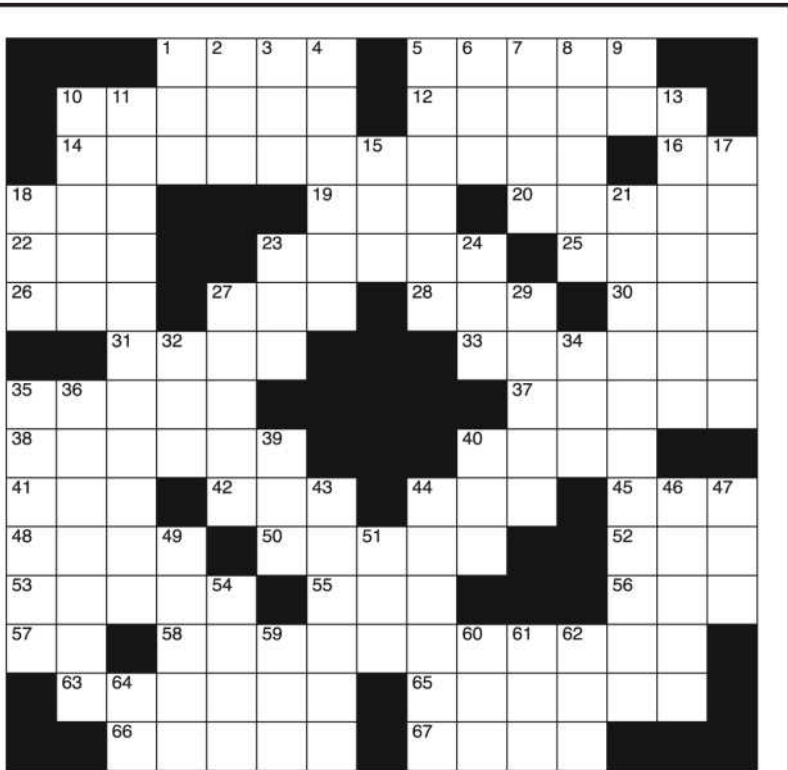
Perhaps most importantly, children learn what commitment means. So often in our society our role models for commitment do so only for their own benefit. Their commitment is uncertain and may change as the wind blows. A marriage commitment is not based on weather or anything else; it is based on God's foundation. For resources to help you on your marital journey, check out the following resources National Marriage Week www.marriageweek.org

Weekend to Remember Sharing the love of Jesus has ignited Ann and Dave Wilson's passion for more than four decades. www.familylife.com
Loveology Dr's. Les and Leslie Parrott are a husband-and-wife team who share the same name and passion for helping others build healthy relationships. www.lesandleslie.com
Shaunti Feldhahn Shaunti Feldhahn, bestselling author and social researcher, whose books have sold 3 million copies in 26 languages since 1998. www.shaunti.com
Ted Lowe Ted is a frequent conference and date night speaker at churches and events across the country, and he is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary. www.forusmarriage.com
Sacred Marriage Pastor and thought leader Gary Thomas, renowned as the author of best-selling Sacred Marriage, has



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teamed up with licensed counselor and psychologist Debra Fileta to release a definitive guide to Human Sexuality - Married Sex: A Christian Couple's Guide to Reimagining Your Love Life. www.garythomas.com
Awesome Marriage Christian counselor and best-selling author Kim Kimberling, Ph.D. Digital resources for date night ideas, prayers for couples, communication tips and relationship challenges. www.awesomemarriage.com
His Needs Her Needs Christian counselor and author Willard Harley, Ph.D., built his work and eventually became the inspiration for bestselling, His Needs, Her Needs. The book has sold more than four million copies worldwide and has been translated into 22 languages. www.marriagebuilders.com
5 Love Languages Gary Chapman, Ph.D., counselor, pastor, speaker and best-selling author, can be considered a founding father in the field of family and relationship ministry. www.5lovelanguages.com
Family and Marriage Coalition of Aiken, Inc. (FAMCO) was created to provide resources for you to succeed in your marriage and families. Roger Rollins, Executive Director, FAMCO, 803-640-4689, rogerrollins@gmail.com. Let us know how we can help.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American group of N. California
- 5. Geological times (Brit. sp.)
- 10. Tool to remove
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. King Cole, musician
- 20. Insect parts
- 22. One from Utah
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. NBA legend Nelson
- 27. Indicates wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown
- 33. Some are in kitchens
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of fuel
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. What thespians do
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Disallow
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. A banana has one
- 50. Philippines lake and volcano are two
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Journalist Tarbell
- 56. One-time tech giant
- 57. Indicates upon
- 58. Intestinal bacteria
- 63. Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- 65. It goes with nook
- 66. A fashion
- 67. Very eager to hear or see

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Where rockers go to work
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Consume
- 7. Greek mythological figures
- 8. California mountain town
- 9. Tin
- 10. Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Animates anew
- 13. Humorous criticisms
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Computer device
- 29. Indian territory ___ and Diu
- 32. A place to sleep
- 34. AI tool
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Indicates a purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Type of surgery
- 51. Much ___ about nothing
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Member of indigenous people of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

PUZZLE SOLUTION



SUDOKU

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7		9						8
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		2				1		
			5	9				
9	6	8	2					3
	5					6		4
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	8	4	6	1	5	9	7	3
3	6	7	4	6	2	8	1	5
2	5	1	7	8	3	6	9	4
6	8	5	2	4	1	5	7	3
4	1	3	6	7	2	5	6	8
5	7	2	8	3	6	1	4	9
1	8	5	3	7	4	9	2	6
7	3	9	6	2	5	4	8	1
6	2	4	9	1	8	3	5	7

ANSWER: