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THE LEFT'S PROBLEM WITH POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO METASTASIZE AND MUST BE STOPPED

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After the third close assassination attempt against Donald Trump in under two years, the agenda of the left is now impossible to ignore or tolerate. In this case, the intended assassin, Cole Allen Tomas, had no criminal background, and wasn't insane, impoverished, or uneducated. Quite the opposite. Tomas was from an affluent family and held highly technical undergraduate and graduate degrees from respected institutions. We know he was involved with leftist groups and attended "no Kings" rallies. Tomas's manifest justifying the assassination was full of the standard fraudulent leftist talking points about Trump and the administration: "I am no longer willing to permit a pedophile, rapist, and traitor to coat my hands with

his crimes..." and explaining why he couldn't turn the other cheek. Tomas wrote: "I am not the person raped in a detention camp. I'm not the fisherman executed without trial. I'm not a schoolkid blown up or a child starved or a teenage girl abused by the many criminals in this administration." <https://komonews.com/news/nation-world/friendly-federal-assassin-read-the-accused-gunmans-cole-tomas-allen-full-manifesto-sent-before-dinner-attack-white-house-correspondents-dinner-shooting-trump-administration-political-violence-secret-service-safety-security> These slurs against Trump are the same repeated endlessly by Democrats and Mainstream media. This is metastasizing and must stop before America devolves into



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frenzied leftist violence. Just months ago, America witnessed the horrendous murder of Charlie Kirk by a leftist, radical, transsexual lover, Tyler Robinson. Robinson believed, like Tomas, his action was justified. Weeks before, the leftist Southern Poverty Law Center had put Kirk and his TPUSA on their "hate map" for anti-transsexual "hate". In the aftermath of that killing, thousands of liberals around the country gloated about the killing. Some even posted lists of other conservatives they wanted were assassinated, like Ben Shapiro and others. Months prior to Kirk's murder, leftist Luigi Mangione murdered an executive (father/husband) and instantly became a hero to many on the left and he remains a leftist folk hero.

After four decades without a close assassination attempt, two Presidential assassination attempts were made against Trump within months. After the first attempt, Democrats admitting their rhetoric crossed the line, like President Biden demanding a "bullseye" on Trump before the shooting. Unfortunately, the leftist repentance lasted only days before they doubled down. After those assassination attempts, leftists firebombed Tesla EVs nationwide in opposition to Elon Musk and "DOGE". Around that time, young Israeli Embassy couple was murdered by a leftist pro-Palestinian and a radical Muslim immigrant lit Jews in Colorado on fire.

These acts of leftist violence were not in a vacuum. Last year, a survey showed 48% of left leaning respondents believed murdering Elon Musk could be justified, while 55% believed the same about Donald Trump (numbers on the right justifying assassination were fractions of these percentages) <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/charlie-kirk-warned-assassination-culture-spreading-left-erie-online-post-months-before-murder> Of note, the younger leftists are far more accepting of violence than the older leftists, so expect this to get worse if not countered.

On July 14, 2017, the liberal New York Times published liberal psychologist Lisa Feldman Barrett's argument that alleged (conservative) abusive speech is "a culture of constant, casual brutality". <https://daily.jstor.org/wittgenstein-whether-speech-violence/> From that period, the refrain of "speech is violence" became ubiquitous among those on the left justifying the violence against people like Kirk or Musk. In several documented cases around that time, colleges cancelled conservative speaking events due to the danger of violence and death threats against conservative speakers. The murder of Kirk was a natural consequence of this new leftist belief system. Kirk was not hateful, racist, or misogynist, but a sincere Christian who stood by his Biblical worldview. I saw a clip of small older liberal man challenge Kirk to a fight during a debate (Kirk is 6'5 and could have beaten the guy to a pulp). Kirk did not engage despite being called a coward. He wanted to engage in dialogue to prevent violence.

In the aftermath of this newest assassination attempt, the Left has become even more unhinged in their reaction. Instead of what happened for a few days after the Butler assassination attempt, when high visibility Democrats acknowledged their rhetoric crossed the line, the left has given up any self-awareness of the hatred. House Minority Leader, Hakeem Jeffries, didn't apologize for his "we are in an era of maximum warfare, everywhere, all the time" right before the

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Do We Really Want to Change?



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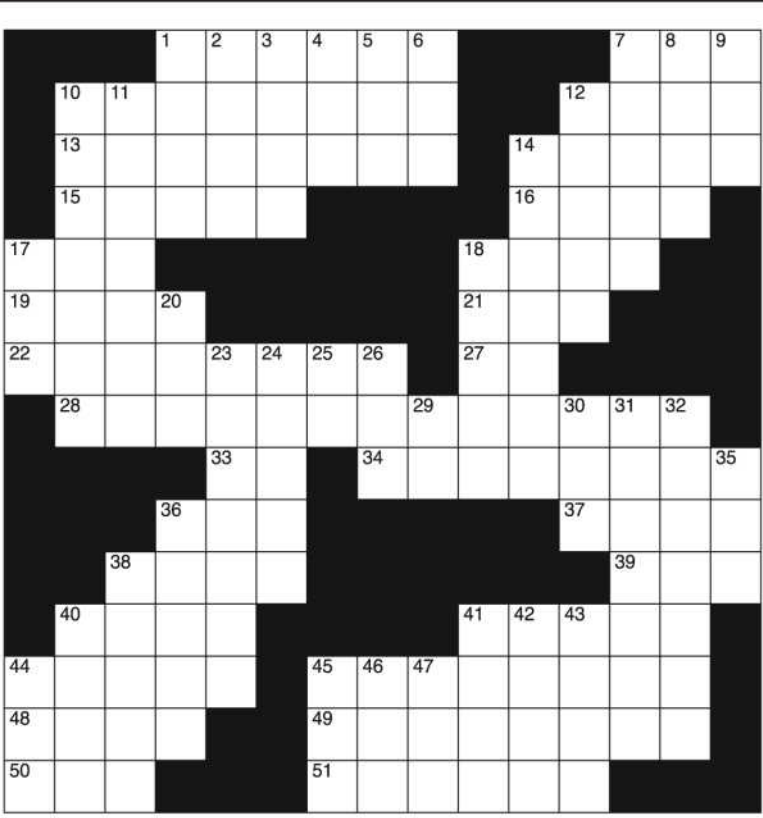
"When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves." - Viktor E. Frankl

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." - Bible (Romans 12:2)

Both Bill and Beatty were churchgoers and read their Bibles periodically, but they were unhappy with their marriage. Bill loved his wife, but he also loved his sports. In addition, he enjoyed watching questionable online movies once in a while, ones with a very strong sexual message (both verbal and visual). He knew he should stay away from the movies, but he was reluctant to change, and to reduce the time spent on sports, both in person and on television. Beatty loved Bill, but she also loved shopping and playing cards with some of the other ladies in her community. She tried to minimize the time (or at least the money) spent shopping, but she was reluctant to change, and to reduce the time spent with her card-playing friends. Perhaps the question we first need to address is why we are considering change. That need is usually driven by the thought that change might make something better for us. It might be changing what we are planning for the next meal, changing something in our house, changing our church, changing our job, or changing our lifestyle. But the next question is maybe even more important, and more difficult.

What will that change cost me? Change always costs something. Many of us have found a comfortable mode of behavior, and we don't see a need to change it. It's much easier (we think) to just keep doing the same thing. But we fail to recognize that everything else is changing. Our bodies are getting older. Our relationships with others, and especially our family, become stagnant. Others are moving on in their jobs and we aren't. Life is moving along and we aren't. We may not notice it at first, but others will. In marriage, both of us may marry, thinking that we appreciate and enjoy the differences, and if it turns out later that some of the differences are not pleasing to us, we think we can change them, maybe in us but preferably in others. But change is not only costly, it's usually difficult. We may have to give up something we enjoyed doing. Change involves the whole body, new muscles in our body, and new thoughts in our mind. In the opening scenario, Bill and Beatty made changes in their lifestyles to accommodate their new life partner. But there were certain behaviors that they were reluctant to give up. The challenge was to make the choice to change certain behaviors because they believed it was better for the two of them. There are two ways to change. One is external and one is internal. External changes leave us vulnerable to the old habits and ways of life. We want to improve but we have a hard time changing our old self. We may enter marriage thinking we can change our behaviors to be a better spouse, but it's tough!

"It's very hard to stop doing things you're used to doing. You almost have to dismantle yourself and scatter it all around and then put a blindfold on and put it back together so that you avoid old habits." (Tom Waits)
 We just can't do it ourselves. The old self is always there, hiding in the background, waiting for the next time we slack off. The only real change is internal. Our way of thinking has to change.
 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Bible, Zechariah 4:6)
 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (Bible, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 We can ignore the Bible and try it ourselves, but that hasn't worked very well for me. How about you?
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Gambling game ___-lo
- 10. Further along
- 12. Type of tobacco
- 13. Looked for
- 14. Silk fabric
- 15. Computer method to solve equations
- 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 17. Tear
- 18. Brews
- 19. "Famous" cookie baker
- 21. Women's Army Corps
- 22. Front parts of an animal
- 27. It's causing quite a stir
- 28. Beloved March holiday
- 33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 34. More impudent
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Young woman (French)
- 38. A cause of distress
- 39. Santa's helper
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Many wombs
- 44. Is afraid of
- 45. Popular baked goods ingredient
- 48. Popular computers
- 49. Conceiving of
- 50. Googol certification (abbr.)
- 51. Sturdy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Peruse quickly
- 2. Automobiles
- 3. Razorbill genus
- 4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 5. Consumed
- 6. A place to sleep
- 7. Small seeds
- 8. Legendary law man Wyatt
- 9. Female sheep
- 10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
- 11. A place ships dock
- 12. Reciprocal of sine
- 14. Discomfort
- 17. British Air Aces
- 18. Exit sleep
- 20. Solar energetic particle
- 23. Plagues characterized by starvation
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Trauma center
- 26. Habitual twitching
- 29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
- 30. Decimeter
- 31. Hinged surface in a wing
- 32. Shouting
- 35. Sports official
- 36. Volcanic craters
- 38. Supportive device
- 40. It's part of a rosary
- 41. Two-toed sloth
- 42. Body art
- 43. Let out
- 44. Foreign medical graduate
- 45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)
- 46. Couples say it
- 47. Bird's beak



SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:



PUZZLE SOLUTION