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My Word: The nightmare amongst us

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Our system of law and order extends from three tenets essential to civilized conduct. These are justice, deterrence and protection.

When a criminal is convicted of a crime and sentenced, justice has been rendered. The forfeiture of personal time and freedom is designed to equalize the cost of the crime committed.

Punishment for transgressions deters crime if a person contemplating illegal activity factors incarceration into possibility. That's why most people obey the law. It's why we don't have anarchy.

The third tenet, protection, enforces the public's need for safety from illegal activity as much as possible. Removing criminals from the general population accomplishes that, especially if an individual is a physical threat to innocents. We all know a person who gets away with one crime is likely to commit another, human nature being what it is.

Incredibly, there are those amongst us who believe securing our border, enforcing our existing immigration laws, and demanding a high degree of security for American citizens is somehow wrong. They would have you believe people have the right to enter this country whenever they want, stay as long as they wish, and make unfair demands of our system.

Liberal president Barack Obama supported catch and release. He also pulled back enforcement from the border, making detainment more difficult. He either refused requests from governors for National Guard assistance or sent fewer troops than were needed. He favored an open border and was restrained in that endeavor only by federal law.

Some liberal cities are sanctuary. In other words, they don't cooperate with federal authorities in holding those here illegally until agents can arrive and process them out.

Democrats in Texas want to decriminalize illegal immigration. Impact of such a precedence on American citizens does not matter to leftist zealots, but it should matter to you.

Leftists are opposed to proof of citizenship or even photo identification before voting. Obviously, they seek advantage at the polls.

Leftists are now advocating abolishing ICE, the main law enforcement agency regarding illegal immigration.

At no time has immigration failure been more evident than the recent murder of Mollie Tibbetts, a University of Iowa student who was stabbed to death allegedly by a man living here illegally under a false name and documentation.

Newspaper accounts cannot begin to describe the horror and pain of Mollie's final moments, but I know you sympathize with her and her damaged family and community; therefore, I ask you to support President Trump in his efforts to stop illegal immigration.

We have to get our protection from this president because the left will not help. Ever. Its focus is on political opportunity and excuses.

Here's a quote from an August 24 newspaper article that illustrates the left's distortion: "Trump has claimed that people living in the U.S. illegally often commit crimes, but studies by social scientists and the libertarian Cato Institute reject that assertion. The studies show that states with higher shares of people living in the country illegally have lower violent crime rates."

The reporter, Ryan J. Foley, stated that as if it is meaningful. It isn't. If there were no illegal immigrants there would be no crimes committed by them. Period. Suggesting people might be safer in areas with a high population of those living here illegally is absurd and a lame attempt at justification. The fact is all who enter the country illegally have already broken federal law which is criminal.

Leftist Senator Elizabeth Warren tried to shift sympathy from Mollie to immigrants: "I think we need immigration laws that focus on people who pose a threat, and I don't think mamas and babies are the place we should be spending our resources. Separating a mama from a baby does not make this country safer."

Warren deliberately missed the point. If all illegal immigration was stopped at the border as it should be, there would be no separation of mother and child. Nor would there be a criminal murdering a young woman.

Is it possible Warren failed to understand Mollie's family was separated from her? Is Warren that politicized? That callous? That shallow?

I urge all to be careful when out for a run in the autumn sunshine because it is becoming increasingly clear American citizens aren't safe from criminals living here wrongfully or from leftist politicians who do nothing but distract from the damage of illegal immigration.

The tenets of law and order are lost to them.

If you want these tenets for the safety of you and yours, you will have to fight for them