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Freedom is eroding (four stories)

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Discussion of the state of nature, the social contract, and natural rights is today viewed by our elites as either a quaint throwback to Enlightenment-era philosophers at best or dangerous radical patriotism at worst. More's the pity, because these things are essential—ESSENTIAL—to understanding human rights, man's relationship to the state and to his fellow man, and how government is supposed to work.

The equation is simple, really. You are born with rights. You agree to empower a government to help you secure those rights. If the government does a decent job of that, great. If the government starts modifying those rights too much, or violating them outright, there's a problem.

Understand—it DOESN'T MATTER what the "law" says. What matters is whether the law is right.

#1

So, if a boy is being mauled by pit bulls, it is your right and your duty to save the boy. You should not be punished for that. If you save the boy by means of a prohibited discharge of a gun, and that becomes a source of legal trouble for you, then the law is a problem. If one is supposedly prohibited from discharging a weapon outside of one's property but does so to save the boy, one has done THE RIGHT thing, and the state needs to back off.

And yet, a man is looking at possible criminal charges for exercising his rights and doing his duty according to the Law of Nature.

Man Shoots Dogs to Save Boy, Could Face Charges

An 11-year-old boy was riding his bike when he stumbled upon three unleashed pit bulls. The dogs began attacking the boy and continued until a neighbor shot one of the dogs with his gun. Since the incident happened in Washington, DC, which has strict gun-control laws, the neighbor could face criminal charges.

As reported by the **Washington Post**, "Police said a neighbor and an officer shot the pit bulls as they sank their teeth into the boy's legs, arms, stomach and chest."

An uncle of the victim's said the boy was riding a new Huffy dirt bike with orange rims he had gotten for Christmas. The uncle said his nephew emerged from an alley onto Sheridan Street, where he collided with the pit bulls.

D.C. police said the unleashed and unattended dogs attacked the boy before a neighbor who saw it went into his home, got his handgun and fired once, hitting one of the dogs. A D.C. police officer on bicycle patrol heard the shots, and authorities said he shot and

killed the other two pit bulls. It was unclear from a police report exactly how many shots the officer fired.

So what is happening to the neighbor who came to the child's rescue? Instead of being treated like a hero, he is currently "under investigation."

The **Cato Institute** reports that the neighbor "he apparently needs a lawyer because he is reportedly under 'investigation' for violating our capital city's firearms laws! You see – he may have discharged his weapon beyond his property line. Talk about no good deed going unpunished."

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It doesn't matter that this bill is probably DOA. The fact that it is even being considered means we have gone far, far away from where we are supposed to be.

Missouri bill demands parents report gun ownership to public schools

JEFFERSON CITY – Any parent who owns a firearm would be required to notify their child's school in writing under legislation proposed in the Missouri Senate.

The bill, introduced by University City Democratic Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, would make it a crime to fail to report gun ownership to a school. It would also criminalize failure to prevent a child from illegally possessing a firearm and the negligent storage of a firearm . . .

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These next two are more they're from the Silly Files—little things that are the result of localized foolishness, that aren't indicative of any pattern. But there is a pattern. Examples of this sort of zero-tolerance, political correctness, panicky overreaction abound, and have for many years. This is what happens when the left gains control of a nation's culture.

#3

Ohio Teacher Facing Firing After Posting Facebook Photo of Students Wearing Duct Tape

An Ohio middle school teacher is fighting to keep her job after a photo was seen on her Facebook page showing students of hers with duct tape across their mouths. The Akron school board is considering whether to terminate her.

Melissa Cairns, a middle school math teacher at Buchtel Community Learning Center, has been on unpaid administrative leave after an Akron public schools worker noticed a photo posted on Facebook of a group of students with duct tape across their mouths. The caption on the photo: "Finally found a way to get them to be quiet!!!"

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And one more

Parents Furious After Boys Suspended For Using Fingers As Guns

TALBOT COUNTY, Md. (WJZ) — Is it child's play or a serious threat of gun violence? For the second time in less than a month, a Maryland child is kicked out of school for using his finger in the shape of a gun.

Kai Jackson has more on the controversy.

No one is debating the importance of keeping children safe. The question being asked is what's child's play and what's not?

There's controversy at a Talbot County school after two 6-year-old boys were suspended while playing cops and robbers during recess and using their fingers to make an imaginary gun.

"It's ridiculous," said parent Julia Merchant.

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These may seem little or isolated, but they are part of a bigger problem.