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## A Quiet Riot

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From the national news media, you might not think matters in Baltimore were much different from their usual. From the national news media, you might infer that the death of Freddie Gray while in police custody is generally regarded as an explainable, if tragic occurrence – i.e., no big deal. From the national news media, you might assume that the political authorities and law enforcement agencies of Baltimore had the situation well in hand.

You might. You'd be wrong.

I expected there to be at least some unrest, and many strident calls for an independent inquiry, into why a young man who was healthy (apart from asthma) when the Baltimore police detained him should have died with his spine 80% severed. After all, he was black, and these days that's considered cause enough to disrupt an American city.

The reports I've read say that Freddie Gray was transported to detention in a police van, shackled but not seat-belted or otherwise secured. This appears to be the cause of the fatal spinal cord injury that took Gray's life. But for the life of me, I can't find the reason for which he was originally arrested. Apparently, the Baltimore police were out in force in a part of the city known for drug traffic, but I can't find any information beyond that.

No one in authority in Baltimore has yet said whether Gray was about to be charged with any crime. This might have been an arrest-on-suspicion. Suspicion of what is not definite, though the region's reputation for drug activity seems most likely.

One way or another, the police arrested a man for reasons they haven't disclosed, and that man died in their hands. There's a good chance that this was a fatal miscarriage of justice.

But there's no chance whatsoever that whatever happened can justify widespread violence and the destruction and looting of private property. Yet that's what's happening – and with the open connivance of the political authorities.

From Sara Noble of the Independent Sentinel website:

Former DC detective Rod Wheeler joined Fox & Friends this morning to explain what went on. Mr. Wheeler is a great guy but his promotion of the new policing techniques needs to be challenged. The police deliberately allowed the protesters to do this, Mr. Wheeler observed. They stayed out of the picture. There were no military-type uniforms. There were no armored cars, he said. Some officers didn't wear helmets, he reported as if it was a positive step.

That seems to be putting the police in grave danger.

After they destroyed some cars and committed crimes, the police started moving in.

It's similar to what went on in Ferguson when the mayor allowed 28 stores to burn down to keep the criminals calm. Mr. Wheeler said the new tactics generated a different response from the crowd. It's what they learned from Ferguson.

The crowd gets more aggressive if the police do, so now the police confine them to an area but when "they really start becoming destructive, we start moving in." "For the most part," Wheeler said, "it wasn't that bad."

I wonder if the persons injured in the riots and the proprietors of the stores that were looted and destroyed feel "it wasn't that bad."

It's beyond dispute that when a sufficient number of persons concurrently become inclined to violence and disorder, there will not be enough police to restrain them. Even an overtly totalitarian society can't afford that much enforcement power. So under contemporary conditions, in which heavily propagandized American Negroes are easily provoked to mass violence, the police are effectively neutralized. An effective organized response would be on the order of a military invasion, which Americans are unwilling to tolerate.

The only effective diffuse response would be for law-abiding citizens to go to their guns. But Baltimore is in Maryland, and Maryland is among the states most hostile to the private ownership of firearms. Atop that, should a store owner kill a rioter, upon whom do you think the authorities of the city would descend with the full weight of the "law"?

And here is what the **Mayor of Baltimore** said to the press about the tactics the police were instructed to adopt:

"I made it very clear that I work with the police and instructed them to do everything that they could to make sure that the protesters were able to exercise their right to free speech.

"It's a very delicate balancing act. Because while we try to make sure that they were protected from the cars and other things that were going on, we also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that as well. And we worked very hard to keep that balance and to put ourselves in the best position to de-escalate."

That came from the mayor of a major American city – a city that, among other things, is the birthplace of Catholicism in the United States. It's perfectly clear what she'd think of a private citizen who would dare to defend his property with force. A white store owner shot a black looter who was merely exercising his "right to free speech" by trashing the white man's place of business? *Unthinkable!*

But I don't write merely to note a horrific development and express my disapproval. I've made it my mission to forecast what will come of it.

I predict an outward migration of whites, especially white small-business owners, from the city of Baltimore. I predict that the cost of living in Baltimore will rise as insurers add "risk premiums" to their commercial coverage policies and the remaining businesses pass those cost increments down to their customers. I predict that as blacks in other cities "learn" from Baltimore's example of laid-back riot "control," the events there will be reproduced elsewhere, with similar demographic and economic consequences. I predict that racist mouthpieces, starting with Al Sharpton, will blame the further deterioration in majority-black urban neighborhoods on "white greed." And I predict that the national media, to the extent that they deign to cover those phenomena at all, will rationalize the violence as "to be expected" and deplore the flight of whites to safer, less racially mixed regions as "racist."

Who would like to bet against me?



## The Government That Cried "Wolf"

By ROBERT GORE, *Financial Editor*



**Through history, no institution has come close to government** in its ability to inflict violence, terror, chaos, and death. War is almost exclusively the province of government. Every legal system rests in government the right to initiate force against its own citizens, to take money from them to fund itself, to promulgate laws, to decide what is just and what is not, and to dispense its justice and inflict punishment. Just an enumeration of those powers should leave one apprehensive; a survey of the historical record should leave one pale with fright.

Ten words transmuted a healthy American fear of government into an embrace: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fear, per se, is not something to be afraid of. Conscientious parents try to inculcate all sorts of fears in their offspring: of poisonous creatures and plants, strangers offering rides, drugs and alcohol, unprotected sex, and the wrath of parents. Government, per se, is something to be afraid of, but Franklin Roosevelt's alchemy turned the Founding Fathers' dangerous master into the Superhero that would save the citizenry from the fearsome things it was not supposed to fear. Roosevelt's famous admonition was a smokescreen; fear was his most powerful ally.

Perhaps the best explication of the causes of the Great Depression is Murray Rothbard's *America's Great Depression*. The brand new Federal Reserve stoked an inflationary boom during the Roaring Twenties. Such booms and their attendant speculative manias, fed by artificial, central-bank bolstered credit, always go bust (the current "boom" will meet the same fate).

*For the first time since June 1921, the money stopped increasing [in mid-1929], and remained virtually constant. The great boom of the 1920s was now over, and the Great Depression had begun. The country, however, did not really discover the change until the stock market finally crashed in October. (Rothbard)*

**Roosevelt was a second-rate mind, but a first-rate politician** (the latter has to require the former). He had no inkling that the government's central bank had caused the Great Depression, but he knew the American people were afraid, and their fear was just the ticket for his massive expansion of government power. The only thing the New Deal's hodgepodge of programs did to the economic contraction was make it worse (unemployment was higher and the GDP lower in 1938 than in 1933, when he took office), but that wasn't the point. Roosevelt's program had permanently changed the relationship of the people and the government. From that time forward, the government was responsible for redressing fears, *even if the government itself had created the conditions that led to those fears.*

The US is protected from foreign invasion by the Pacific and Atlantic, its huge land mass and varied topography, friendly neighbors to the north and south, and its dominance of the Western Hemisphere. (Continued on "Wolf", page 2)

Thought for the week: God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

## What Is Federalism?

By PUBLIUS HULDAH, *Constitutional Editor*

I'll explain it: With our Constitution, we created a **federal FORM of government**: A federation of Sovereign States united together ONLY for those limited purposes enumerated in the Constitution, with all other powers reserved by The States or The People.

The outline below illustrates the **federal FORM of the government** created by the Constitution – and lists most of the enumerated powers delegated to the national government. As you see from the chart, it is a short list: depending on how you count, we delegated only 18 -21 powers to the national part of the “federal” government. **This is important.**



The Declaration of Independence says GOD Endowed Us with Rights. To secure the Rights GOD gave us, WE The People ordained and established The Constitution for the United States of America.

Wherein WE Created the “Federal” Government: An Alliance of Sovereign States associated together in a “Federation” for the *limited purposes* enumerated in The Constitution.

### Federal Government of Three Branches

(Legislative, Executive, Judicial):

**Has Lawful Power Only Over These Objects (for the Country at large):**

**External:**

- International trade & diplomacy
- War-national defense
- Make Treaties, but only on objects authorized by Constitution!

**Internal:**

- Establish uniform commercial system:
  - weights & measures
  - patents & copyrights
  - money system (gold & silver)
  - bankruptcy laws
  - mail delivery & road building
- Laws on naturalization & immigration
- Certain civil rights (in the Amendments)
- Make & enforce only a few criminal laws
- Federal courts for specific purposes only
- Miscellaneous “housekeeping”: census, etc.
- May borrow money & levy taxes, but only for purposes authorized by Constitution!

**God Given Rights Secured By Federal Government:**

- **Life** (military, pirates, traitors, secure borders)
- **Property rights:** honest money, weights & measures, patents & copyrights, bankruptcy law
- Limited & enumerated powers secure **right to be left alone!**
- **Fair trials in federal courts** (e.g., Dt 1:16-17; Dt 19:15-20 & Mt18:16; Ex 18:13-26; don't bear false

### The States and The People:

**Retain All Powers Except Those Few Delegated Exclusively to Federal Government or Prohibited to the States (Art. I, § 10):**

- **Federalist Paper No. 45** by James Madison, Father of our Constitution: *“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce...the powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which...concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order...and prosperity of the State.”*
- Tenth Amendment

**State Governments Secure Rights God Demands That Governments Honor (e.g., fair trials) & Protect Us From Those Who Seek to Deprive Us of God-given Rights in Bible:**

- **Our Right to Life** (prosecute murderers, ban abortion, euthanasia, drunk driving; quarantines for dangerous diseases, etc.)
- **Sanctity of our persons** (prosecute rapists, muggers, kidnappers, child molesters)
- **Our property rights** (prosecute robbers; punish negligence, fraud, & breach of contract; courts available for dispute resolution.)

The federal and State governments. have different spheres of operation. The federal government is “supreme” only in those few and enumerated objects delegated exclusively to it. The States and The People retain supremacy in all other matters. When the federal government usurps powers retained by the States or The People, it becomes unlawful and illegitimate: Nullification is proper. Send comments to [publiushuldah.wordpress.com](http://publiushuldah.wordpress.com).

## “Wolf”, continued

Roosevelt had promised during the 1940 campaign to keep the US out of burgeoning wars in Europe and Asia, although he was itching to join the fights. Whether or not the Roosevelt administration provoked Japan into attacking the US, and whether or not Roosevelt knew beforehand of the attack on Pearl Harbor, are still matters of debate, although a strong case can be made for the latter and a very strong case for the former. Grievous as Pearl Harbor was, there was no way Japan, a comparative dwarf, was going to launch an invasion of the giant US, but the attack served Roosevelt's purpose—it created a groundswell of support for the country's entry into the war.

Any country at war is fearful. You can still read breathless accounts of the “existential threat” the US faced during World War II, and how, had we not intervened, we'd be speaking Japanese or German today. Germany could not defeat Great Britain across the 26-mile English Channel. It was also engaged in a losing campaign in the USSR. Even had it won instead of lost both engagements it still would have had to cross either the Atlantic or Pacific and fight an industrially and militarily superior opponent on its home territory, while trying to keep the people it had conquered subjugated. The only chance Germany ever had of defeating the US was to develop the atomic bomb, but the US had most of the physicists and the industrial capability to construct isolated, difficult-to-detect research and enrichment facilities. The allies were astonished at the end of the war when they saw just how rudimentary the German effort was.

The government came up with another danger: domestic subversion by US enemies. People of Japanese descent were put in internment camps, Hollywood was enlisted in a massive propaganda campaign directed by the government, and everyone was kept on edge, warned to be watchful for fifth column activities. No grand plots were uncovered, rather, it was our ally, the Soviet Union, that engaged in most of the espionage and surreptitious penetration of important government, military, and industrial programs (including the atomic bomb).

Roosevelt constructed the templates for government-inspired fear that have been used ever since: economic insecurity, foreign domination, and subversion from within. It is now the government's power-expanding job to confront all three, so it often cries “wolf.” Since the end of World War II, the American people have been told to be afraid of something: the Cold War, the red scare, falling dominoes in the Korean peninsula and then Southeast Asia, missile gaps, nuclear holocaust, the radical left, the radical right, Islamic extremism and terrorist plots, sleeper cells, domestic terrorists, the USSR, Russia, China, Iran, and so on. Government has grown in a Rooseveltian fashion to address all these threats and fears. It has stationed troops and weaponry and made war all over the globe; it monitors our electronic interactions and communications, where we go, and what we buy and sell; all to keep us safe at night. To scare away any economic monsters in the closet it has gone deeply in debt and had its central bank buy up that debt and suppress interest rates, lest anyone try to rely on themselves rather than the government to meet life's contingencies.

The government has promised largess it can't deliver. The mounting debt has slowed the economy to a crawl and promises future financial crises. Our intervention in the Middle East has notched up the chaos; thousands of refugees attempting to escape it have drowned in the Mediterranean, and each new “war” on a terrorist group creates more terrorists. Governmental surveillance has rendered a good part of the Bill of Rights a dead letter, but the security we traded for our liberty remains ever elusive. Roosevelt deliberately got it wrong: what we have to fear is a government peddling fear. Even in a flock of sheep there are smarter and dumber lambs, and the smarter ones have realized that their shepherd is a wolf. On present form, the 2016 election promises the flock a choice between escorts to the slaughterhouse. The defining issue of our times is whether enough get wise, and do something about it, before we're all converted to lamb chops.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 14—The Well Armed Woman**, Murphy, NC, 6 p.m.  
 A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping & empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Christian Martial Arts Center, 56 Valley River Ave, Murphy.



**May 16-17—2nd Annual Mountain Prepper Expo**, Sevierville Convention Center, 202 Gists Creek Road, Sevierville, TN. See [mountainpreperexpos.com/](http://mountainpreperexpos.com/) for further information.

**May 23-24—Spring Arts, Crafts & Music Festival**, Downtown, Blairsville, GA. Enjoy artists, musicians food and fun. Hours 10am-5pm both days, rain or shine.

**May 29-31—Heritage Life Skills**, Waynesville, NC. Three days of workshops & speakers including Survivor Jane & Rick Austin. Call Jan at 828-456-5310 or visit the website [carolinareadiness.com](http://carolinareadiness.com) to sign up.

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