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**OUR VIEW**

**Who shot Finicum?**

And why the public should know who did

We've seen the aerial video of Robert "LaVoy" Finicum speeding away from a police stop, then driving into a snowbank to try to avoid a roadblock.

Finicum quickly exits the disabled vehicle, gesticulating wildly. After reaching toward his jacket — where he had a gun — Finicum was shot and killed by the FBI.

That video, recorded hundreds of feet above the incident, is as much as we know now about the fatal shooting.

The full investigation still is being compiled by Deschutes County, the lead investigative agency. The Malheur County district attorney will review the results of that investigation and determine if deadly force was justified.

The public does not know how many times Finicum was shot, nor do we know who pulled the fatal trigger.

And Oregon lawmakers are rushing to craft a bill that would allow the release of that information to be delayed even longer. House Bill 4087 would allow the police to ask a judge to bar release of the shooter's name for at least 90 days. And that gag order can be continued, in 90 day increments, if a judge agrees to it.

It's understandable there are legitimate safety concerns for those involved in the arrest of the leaders of the Malheur occupation and especially those who played a part in Finicum's death.

The occupiers, and those who sympathize with them, have among their ranks those who are both paranoid and armed — people with no respect for law enforcement. Local, state and federal agents received plenty of threats in Harney

County and many others have been leveled online and across the country. It has ended in murder before: Jerad and Amanda Miller were present at the protests at the Bundy's Nevada ranch and in June 2014 they killed five people in Las Vegas, including two police officers.

Yet we must be careful not to overreact in the heat of an emotional, dangerous episode. Fear cannot be our guiding principle for legislation.

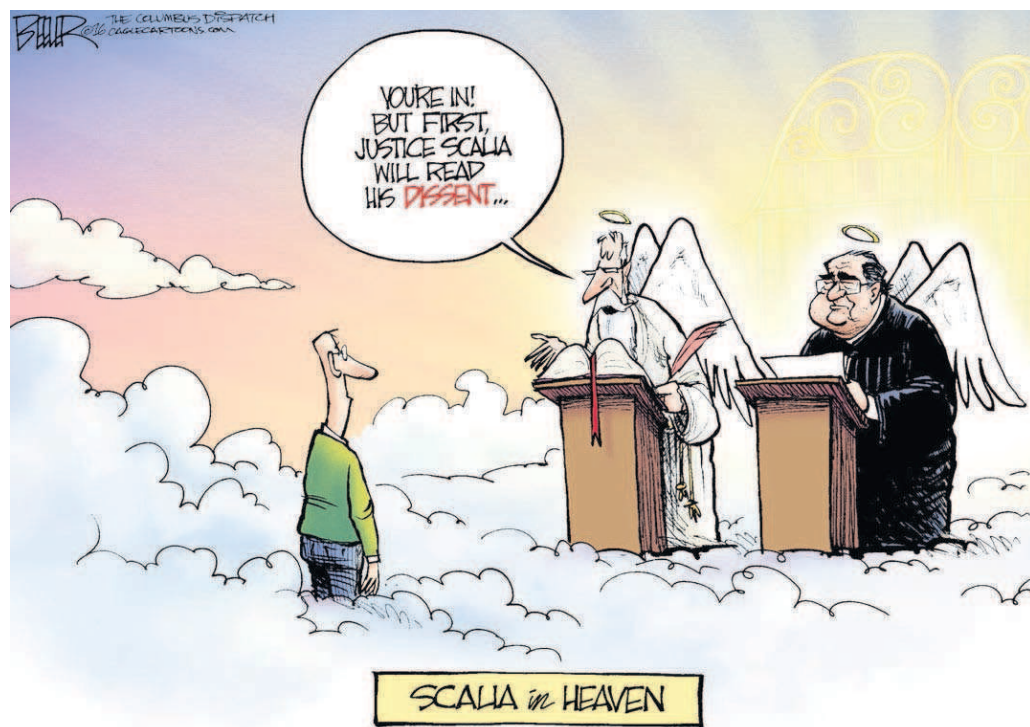
It is concerning to many journalists the bill could be used to prevent public scrutiny of future police shootings, and make it more difficult to access the most basic facts of a fatal incident. That lack of transparency could help stoke the paranoia of anti-government activists, degrade transparency and increase distrust of what could seem like a nameless, faceless police force.

The bill makes it clear that resources and legal argument are needed to keep the name out of public purview. But we're not convinced the law should change because of this one, remarkably abnormal incident — the likes of which Eastern Oregon has never seen before and hopefully will never see again.

This shooting, if anything, should be the exception to the rule. It should not *make* the rule. And in realizing the circumstances are exceptional, we expect exceptional protection provided to the officers involved once their names are released.

It is important that citizens know the identity of the person who we paid to pull the trigger, or people like Finicum will become more convinced they live in a tyrannical land, where the government does what it wants, in secrecy and without repercussion.

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**OTHER VIEWS**

**The Roosevelt approach**

Dear Hillary, Jeb, Marco and John, You all find yourselves running against a whirlwind. Hillary, for you the whirlwind is Bernie Sanders. For the rest of you it's Donald Trump.

Either way, you're running against a candidate who generates passionate intensity. At some level those candidates' followers must know that there's something wildly impractical about the candidacy they are fervently supporting. Trump has no actual policies, and Sanders has little chance of getting his passed.

And yet the supporters don't care. Sanders and Trump make them feel known. Finally, somebody is saying what they feel. Finally, somebody is outraged by the things that outrage them. There's a deep passion embedded in the Trump and Sanders phenomena, arousing energy, magical thinking and some suspension of disbelief.

And the rest of you are basically asking voters to snap out of it. All of you, but especially you, Hillary, are asking voters to calm down and be pragmatic: Consider electability! Vote for the one who can get laws passed!

And it's not working. In debates Sanders is uninhibited by the constraints of reality, so his answers are always bolder. Trump speaks from the id, not from any policy paper, so his answers are always more vivid.

The brute fact is you can't beat passion with pragmatism. The human heart is not built that way. You can't beat angry passion with bloodless calculation. If you're going to have any chance against these hotheads, you have to set a rival and stronger emotional tone. I'd ask you to think of the ancient ideal of comradeship.

Many Americans feel like they are the victims of a slow-moving natural disaster. Sanders and Trump try to put the blame for this disaster on discrete groups of people — Wall Street or immigrants. But in reality it's a natural disaster caused by structural forces — globalization, technological change, the dissolution of the family, racism.

A great nation doesn't divide in times of natural disaster. It doesn't choose leaders who angrily tear it apart. Instead, it chooses leaders like Franklin Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower, leaders who radiate sunny confidence, joy and neighborliness.

You may think of neighborliness as a sentimental, soft virtue. And I suppose in times of peace, prosperity and ease it is a sweet and tender thing.

But look at what happens to neighbors when one friend is threatened or when times are hard. Then neighborliness takes on a different hue. Friends become comrades in arms.



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That is what FDR and Ike were able to do with their leadership styles. With fireside chats and golf jokes, they were neighborly even in times of great difficulty and stress. But they were also able to set an emotional tone that brought people together and changed the nature of Americans' relationships with one another.

During their presidencies, the bonds of solidarity grew stronger and the country more formidable. They were able to cultivate a deep sense of unity, responsibility and sacrifice. They didn't call for sacrifice as something painful, but as what one did for one's friends.

I'd love to see one of you counter the Trump and Sanders emotional tones with a bold shift in psychology. This would be a shift toward the cheerful resolve of an FDR or an Eisenhower.

Let Trump and Sanders shout, harangue and lecture. You respond to difficulty with warmth, confidence and optimism.

Let them deliver long, repetitive and uninterrupted lectures. You converse, interact, chat and listen.

Let them stand angry and solitary. You run as part of a team, a band of brothers, with diverse advisers and buddies joining you onstage at event after event.

Let them assert that all our problems can be solved if other people sacrifice — the immigrants or the top 1 percent. You call for shared sacrifice. The rich can give more in taxes, but the rich, the middle class and the poor can all give more in civic engagement.

Let them emphasize the cold relations of business (Trump) or of the state (Sanders). You emphasize the warm bonds of neighbor helping neighbor. While they dwell in the land of impersonal bureaucracies, you point out that the primary task before us to repair the social fabric — the basic respect that diverse Americans have for one another.

Let them preach pessimism. You emphasize a warm nationalism — a basic confidence that America is not going down in decline, that it is still the nation best positioned to dominate the 21st century, that confidence is a better guide than anger or fear.

Sanders and Trump have adopted emotional tones that are going to offend and exhaust people over time. Watching the GOP South Carolina debate I got the impression that Trump's exhaustion moment is at hand.

The candidate who has the audacity to change the emotional tone of this whole election will win the White House and have a shot at rebinding the civic fabric of this nation.

David Brooks became a New York Times Op-Ed columnist in September 2003.

**OTHER VIEWS**

**Four things Obama and Ryan must get done this year**

Wisconsin State Journal

Even lame ducks have been known to fly.

Teddy Roosevelt made the Grand Canyon a national monument in his final year as president.

Ronald Reagan steered a historic reduction of nuclear weapons through the U.S. Senate while communism was collapsing.

Bill Clinton oversaw a record budget surplus.

Expectations are understandably low for the final year of Barack Obama's second term. A highly partisan presidential election will only encourage further gridlock in Washington.

Yet with help from House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, some big things can still get done.

Obama, of course, is a Democrat, while Ryan is a Republican. The two were rivals in 2012, when Ryan ran as the GOP's vice presidential nominee.

But big differences on policy and politics shouldn't stop progress for America. Where agreement does exist, legislation should move forward, with both leaders benefiting from accomplishment.

Ryan has little interest in enhancing Obama's legacy. But approving popular measures with bipartisan support will improve the GOP's chances of holding swing seats — and majority control — in the House this fall.

Obama highlighted several promising goals for the coming year during a recent White House meeting with Republican leaders, followed by a private lunch with Ryan. Four of Obama's priorities can and must be achieved, with the Democratic president staying open to GOP suggestions for cooperation:

**1. Approve the free trade agreement with Pacific Rim countries.**

This won't be easy because several Republican and Democratic presidential candidates are stoking economic fears for electoral advantage. But free markets are the most effective way to lift prosperity in America and abroad. The Trans-Pacific Partnership will let the United States guide the rules for global trade, rather than China. That will mean more protection and opportunity for

innovators, labor and the environment with stronger growth.

**2. Commit resources to fighting cancer.**

The president called for a "moonshot" effort to cure cancer in his State of the Union address. The

goal deserves more resources for research, including promising studies at UW-Madison. If new dollars can't be found, then existing federal spending should be reprioritized.

**3. Confront heroin addiction.**

Bipartisan support for stopping this scourge is strong, as evidenced by several smart laws the Wisconsin Legislature has adopted in recent years. This includes stricter monitoring of pain medications, better data to improve deterrents, and wider availability of a drug that counteracts overdoses.

**4. Overhaul the criminal justice system.**

Ryan seems especially interested in this goal as a way to reduce poverty. He and the president have expressed support for flexibility on sentencing nonviolent drug offenders, and doing a better job of reintegrating inmates back into society, including federal help in finding work.

Obama has less than a year remaining in the White House. But that's enough time to get these four goals done.

**Big differences shouldn't stop progress for America.**

**YOUR VIEWS**

**Pendleton shouldn't put money into pet projects**

Don't get me wrong, I am not a dog hater. But why does the city leadership insist that the taxpayers should be required to provide a place for dog owners to let their dogs run wild? As always, they say there will be no added expense to the public since city land — land that belongs to all taxpayers, I might add — would be used and maintained by volunteers. What happens when dogs get into fights or someone is attacked by a loose dog?

As a former volunteer for the city, I found out firsthand that nothing comes free. The city requires volunteers to keep track of their time so they are covered by workers' compensation insurance, and then there are the paid supervisors of the volunteer program. Evidently, department managers aren't able to monitor their own volunteers.

Although I no longer work directly for the city, I continue to use and clean a portion of the walkway assigned to a community organization and witness irresponsible dog owners that fail to clean up after their pets, expecting the volunteers that have adopted portions of the walkway to do so and then complain that the city is not providing enough free poop recovery bags.

If you want a dog, take care of it. When I first started attending city council meetings I pointed out the dismal condition

and offered to purchase additional garbage cans, as some areas were conspicuously lacking containers. The lack of any follow-up action was blamed on the retiring parks department manager as at the time; he was evidently running the city.

Incidents like this, the proposed bike trails, and the dog run idea are symptomatic of what's the matter with city hall. The basic infrastructure maintenance and upkeep of the city takes a back seat to pet projects that benefit a small minority. Projects are started and never completed. Time is money and we continue to waste both, and that's precisely why I'm running for city council in the May election.

Charles "Rick" Rohde  
Pendleton

**Turner good for Pendleton**

Thank you to John Turner for filing to become the next mayor of Pendleton.

As a former city council member I know how important it is to have a mayor with good leadership skills. John has shown he has the administrative and communication skills our mayor needs. He works effectively to build trust and respect to get tasks accomplished.

I know that John can lead Pendleton and will be a good spokesman for our city.

Steven Bjerke  
Pendleton