



Leftists at Anti-Gun 'March for Our Lives' Shoot Themselves in the Foot

Fleccas Talks attended the *March for Our Lives* in Los Angeles and found that many of the attendees want all guns banned (except those in the possession of government agents and private security services that are rigidly controlled by the government. [No surprise there inasmuch as disarming the law-abiding population is the primary goal of those who organized and funded the event.] -GEG



Amnesty for Illegal Aliens Would Cost US Taxpayers \$2

Trillion

Princeton Policy Adviser, President Steven Kopits, says his research on illegal immigration shows that giving amnesty to illegal aliens would cost American taxpayers a staggering \$2 TRILLION as the new citizens eventually would become eligible for government programs. Illegal immigration now costs American taxpayers about \$116-billion every year, or about \$8,075 per taxpayer. [Why would we elect people from both parties have this death-wish for America?] -GEG

Giving amnesty to the millions of illegal aliens living across the United States will cost American taxpayers about \$2 trillion, a researcher predicts.

Princeton Policy Adviser President Steven Kopits says in his latest research on illegal immigration that handing over amnesty to illegal aliens would come with a “steep” price tag for American taxpayers.

Kopits notes that if illegal aliens are given amnesty, they will “sooner or later” become “eligible for government programs.”

Although not many illegal aliens have reached retirement age yet, Kopits predicts that by 2025 and into the 2030s, more and more illegal aliens will become eligible for taxpayer-funded retirement programs like Social Security and Medicare.

In Social Security benefits, amnestied illegal aliens could receive at least \$6,000 a year in benefits, though Kopits says this represents “the lower end of what politicians’ magnanimity is likely to deliver.”

Additionally, those amnestied illegal aliens could also receive about \$10,000 a year in Medicare benefits. These benefits, plus the Social Security payouts, would amount to a \$2 trillion cost to American taxpayers over the course of a

lifetime, Kopits estimates.

“...It will be an expensive proposition,” Kopits says of the amnesty in his report.

Amnesty, although beneficial to illegal aliens, comes at the expense of American citizens. For the nearly 800,000 to 3.5 million illegal aliens enrolled and eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, granting an amnesty would cost taxpayers at least \$26 billion.

Additionally, about one in five DACA illegal aliens, after an amnesty, would end up on food stamps, while at least one in seven would go on Medicaid, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated.

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California: Small Cities in Orange County Opting Out of Sanctuary State Laws

The mayor of Aliso Viejo, California is joining leaders of other cities looking to opt out of the state's "sanctuary" law, which prohibits cooperation on the local level with Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. The Los

Alamitos City Council is the first city to opt out of the law, a decision that had overwhelming support of about 50 to 1. The ACLU is threatening to sue the city if it fails to comply with state law.



Trump Expels 60 Russian Officials from the US over Case of Poisoning of Former Russian Spy

The Trump administration is expelling 60 diplomats and is closing the Consulate in Seattle, joining 20 European allies who have also expelled Russian officials in condemnation of the poisoning of a former Russian spy living in England. -GEG

President Trump on Monday ordered the expulsion of 60 Russian intelligence officers in the United States and the closure of the Russian consulate in Seattle in response to the nerve agent attack on an ex-Russian spy in the U.K. earlier this

month, senior administration officials said.

The steps, following Britain's expulsion of Russian diplomats, are meant to send a message to Moscow that actions have consequences, the officials said. The Seattle consulate is being closed because of its proximity to submarine bases, as well as Boeing.

"With these steps, the United States and our allies and partners make clear to Russia that its actions have consequences," White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said. "The United States stands ready to cooperate to build a better relationship with Russia, but this can only happen with a change in the Russian government's behavior."

Russia, which has been blamed for the attack, has denied wrongdoing. Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov vowed a reciprocal response over Monday's expulsion, according to Russian state run media.

"We've said more than once and we say once again: Russia has had nothing to do with this affair whatsoever. Naturally, as before, we will proceed from the principle of reciprocity," Peskov said.

U.S. officials said a total of 60 Russians are being expelled, including 48 at the Russian embassy and 12 at the United Nations. The individuals and their families have been given seven days to leave the United States.

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Prosecutors Admit Father of Pulse Nightclub Shooter Was an FBI Informant

Omar Mateen reportedly shot and killed 49 people at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando in 2016, and his wife is on trial for collaborating with terrorists related to the shooting event. Her lawyers are asking for a mistrial because prosecutors delayed informing her that Omar's father, Seddique Mateen, has been an FBI informant for more than a decade, and they say that he may have been an accomplice. The FBI declined to prosecute the shooter, Omar, for making violent threats in 2013. If they had acted on that, it might have prevented the Pulse event. The elder Mateen sent funds to Afghanistan and Turkey the week before the shooting. He appeared at a Hillary Clinton rally in 2016. -GEG

The FBI had a decade-long confidential informant relationship with the father of Pulse nightclub shooter Omar Mateen, prosecutors admitted Saturday, 12 days into the trial of his wife.

The undercover relationship with the father, Seddique Mateen, continued even though the bureau was tipped off in 2012 that its informant was himself raising money to plan a terrorist attack on the government of Pakistan.

The father's status also played a role in the FBI's decision not to seek prosecution of Omar in 2013 after they investigated him for violent threats, attorneys for the

shooter's wife said. If Omar had gone to prison in that case, the infamous Pulse shooting might have been avoided.

Omar Mateen killed 49 people and injured 68 others at a gay nightclub in Orlando in June 2016.

"Mateen's father played a significant role in the FBI's decision not to seek an indictment from the Justice Department for false statements to the FBI or obstruction of justice against Omar Mateen during its 2013 investigation into his alleged threats," lawyers for his wife, Noor Salman, said in a motion.

The defense lawyers argue that Omar's father, rather than his wife, may have been the real co-conspirator. They claim the FBI was too embarrassed to pursue that line of investigation because of its longstanding relationship with Seddique despite red flags.

The FBI told its informant Seddique in 2013 that his son was being investigated because he told people he'd become a member of Hezbollah and "appeared to be pleased with the alleged death of FBI agents." Seddique became "very upset" to learn of the investigation, but the FBI continued working with him as an informant.

The father was widely photographed directly behind Hillary Clinton at a campaign rally after the shooting.

Though former FBI Director James Comey painted Omar as a "lone wolf," prosecutors say the attack was carried out in support of ISIS and that his wife was well aware of his plans. Salman admitted to lying to the FBI about it. She is now facing trial in Orlando for providing material support to a foreign terror organization. Police shot and killed Omar, ending the attack.

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