Despite popular belief, every culture of every nation draws a line in the sand against government tyranny. The problem is, many draw this line so close to total defeat that it rarely matters. For the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto, for instance, it wasn't until the Germans had already herded millions onto railroad cars destined for death camps and cornered the rest into dilapidated central housing that the ZOB resistance was formed, only to be wiped out a month later. Perhaps hindsight is 20/20, but clearly too many freedom movements throughout history waited too long to respond to the trespasses of oligarchs.

The Founding Fathers frequently struggled with the proper measure of resistance. Many colonials wanted vengeance on the British after the Boston Massacre in March of 1770, but patriots knew that the timing was not right. The battle to rally citizens to the cause and to educate the masses as much as possible on the facts took precedence over the desire to enter conflict. The Founders endured five more years of British government criminality until nearly 80 farmers and militiamen stood outnumbered on Lexington Green on April 19th, 1775 to confront an army of 700 British regulars on a mission to capture rebel leaders and destroy weapons caches. No one knew at the time that the war would be sparked that day, but everyone knew that a fight was inevitable and near.

I believe the same feeling hangs in the air of modern America for REAL Americans, and by "real", I mean those who actually support and defend the constitutional values and principles that lay at the foundation of our society. We sense that something is coming; a great change, or an unstoppable reckoning.

The question of when to strike back is pivotal to any resistance movement. Turn to violence too soon or without proper cause in the eyes of the public, and the rebellion may lose the moral high ground and the support of the populace. Wait too long, and the totalitarian hordes may be too far entrenched, forcing the rebellion to fight from a position of strategic weakness.

There are those who might argue that America crossed the "red line" long ago and now our society is simply rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic while arguing over futile semantics. In certain respects, I can see their point. The U.S. political system is utterly lost. Anyone who still has faith in the Left/Right paradigm after two terms of George W. Bush and nearly two terms of Barack Obama is either insane, or mentally challenged. It should be obvious to Republicans and Democrats alike that our government does NOT represent the average man, and our election process is a sham. Democrats in particular should be equally furious and ashamed as the candidate they blindly worshiped to the point of cultism has now forsaken every value they thought he represented.
The legal apparatus of the U.S. is also beyond repair. Those in the mainstream who argue that grievances with government should be addressed by the courts instead of independent action obviously have not considered that the courts continuously uphold and defend legislation like that contained within the NDAA, which allows for rendition, torture, and even assassination of American citizens without trial or due process. And where are the prosecutions of Constitutional violations by the NSA? Why aren’t men like James Clapper in prison for lying directly to Congress. Why hasn’t Eric Holder been slapped in irons for his involvement with “Fast and Furious”? And what about the international financiers who back these politicians? How many of them have been prosecuted for their involvement in the toxic derivatives scandals that are destroying our economy to this day?

No, we lost the courts a long time ago. They will do nothing to save this country. But is the fight already over? I think not.

Nihilism is tempting for those people who are lazy and frightened and looking for a philosophical excuse to run away from making a stand. Claiming the fight is lost before it has truly begun is a longstanding tradition amongst millions upon millions of cowards through history. Every freedom fighter in every great revolution for liberty has heard the same arguments that we hear today – “It’s too late to change things. The enemy is too powerful and you will be crushed. The nail that sticks up will eventually be hammered down. Your movement is a minority on the fringe and no one will support you. None of you have the guts to really follow through...”

While there is certainly much to despair in the state of our nation, I find the notion that Americans will do nothing in response misplaced and ignorant. From what I have observed, it is not a question of “if” citizens snap, but when.

With objective eyes one could easily see it during the last attempts by the federal government to pass anti-gun legislation that would have led to confiscation. Pro-2 Amendment protests erupted all over the country (though the MSM mostly ignored them) with participants far outnumbering the miniscule groups in support of gun control. The sentiment amongst millions of gun owners and millions of Liberty Movement proponents was that we were not going to allow government enforcement of new gun laws. Period. If that meant we had to start using those same guns to put an end to government, then that was exactly what we would do. The feds, of course, buckled.

Rather than take the more dangerous and unifying direct route of federal legislation, gun grabbers have shifted strategies, isolating and targeting specific states they believe will be more pliable and easier to conquer. Connecticut and parts of New York, however, have shown that even people in the most socialist of states have no intention of complying with gun registration or confiscation. In Connecticut, only 38,000 high capacity magazines were registered according to the new gun laws, while approximately 2.4 million purchased through retail remain unaccounted for. Only 50,000 “assault weapons” were registered, while at least 300,000 remain unaccounted for. A sizable number of police are also refusing to enforce registration measures (some out of constitutional loyalty, and some out of a desire for self preservation), causing the state of Connecticut to back off of its hard line rhetoric.

I can say with full confidence that the conditions within Connecticut alone would lead to an open shooting war if officials actually attempt to enforce registration and confiscation. If Safe Act-style legislation or executive orders are ever enforced at a national level, I have no doubt revolution would follow.

The latest hotbed I have witnessed is the Bureau of Land Management attack on a cattle farm in Clark County, Nevada owned by Cliven Bundy. The BLM has so far stolen over 500 cattle from Bundy on the grounds that the federal government owns the land his family has been using for grazing pasture for generations. The confiscation was implemented under the auspices of “protection for endangered species”. The species in this instance being a desert tortoise.

The methods used by the BLM resemble a militant raid, with hundreds of agents, helicopters, and even snipers at their disposal. Adding insult to injury and making the issue a national concern, the feds have also staged “First Amendment Zones” miles away from their activities to keep protestors out.
This may seem like a minor event, a tiff over cattle grazing or possibly property rights, but there is much more going on here.

Tyranny leaves lasting scars, and each tyrannical act results in an accumulation of wounds on the public psyche that do not heal. In the end, a single event can become a trigger to unleash a torrent of rage pent up in a population for years or decades. The fight for Cliven Bundy's farm has the potential to become such a trigger.

So far, federal abuses have been primarily toward Bundy's cattle, with confiscation ongoing and suspicions that a number of the cows are being killed. Here, protestors try to stop a truck from leaving the area which they believed might be carrying dead animals. Agents respond with dogs and tasers.

However, I believe that if this situation escalates into a Waco or Ruby Ridge brand of event, not only Liberty Movement residents of Nevada, but Liberty Movement champions across the nation will indeed finally throw down the gauntlet. What does that mean? It means they are going to start shooting. Opposing groups can debate whether this is a good thing or a bad thing, but the reality is that one way or another, it is going to happen.

Discussions within the movement are far from apathetic. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of eyes are watching every move of the BLM right now, and they should be taking this fact very seriously.

The naysayers will claim that we don't have the will to take action. They are welcome to think whatever they like. But mark my words, Constitutionally minded Americans are not going to stand by and watch another massacre, nor a loss of gun rights, nor will we be entertaining violations of our freedoms for much longer. This society is on the edge of something. It's kinetic, or electric. It is not yet quite visible but it is there, reverberating in the atmosphere. My suggestion to our
federal bureaucracy would be to do what they did during the gun debate, and quickly back away.

Of course, we all know they won't.

Do the elites want to stir up insurgency in order to give pretense for a larger crackdown? They very well might. But it is transparent in the way they try to mitigate dissent and offer placation that they do not want a rebellion larger than they can manage. I think it is far too late for that. I think they've pissed off too many people, instead of just enough people. I think that though most pretend-Americans will do nothing but watch in horror or hide in their hovels, the size of resistance to the tides of despotism is growing far beyond common realizations. And, when this resistance erupts, it will shock even those who fully expect it.

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Where are the share buttons for this excellent paper?

Bravo!
written by Pissed off Patriot , April 10, 2014

OUTSTANDING article. Everyone needs to read this. Hope it gets the exposure it deserves.

To all real Americans, I say this above all: GET RIGHT WITH ‘GOD’ And ASAP. Prepare yourself to face this tyranny, so that you do not fear death. If we turn from our wicked ways so that the Creator is on our side, NO ONE can stand against us. We will have supernatural protection.

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Brandon,
written by justanobserver , April 10, 2014

Even if a rebellion is forced to fight from a position of strategic weakness that does not mean that the opposing force has strategic superiority. Many tactics are available when/if a battle is engaged.

Personally, I hope it does not come to this. There would be a need for watching the flanks as well as the rear as many in America do adhere to the vile notion that the Constitution is dead letter.

And, the muting of the rhetoric in Connecticut by the gun grabbers in the face of what they could make a fiercely ugly response does hold a sliver of hope. Rumor has it New Yorkers are not quite obeying their government’s horseshit either.

Too late?
written by Ron B , April 10, 2014

The Window to Resist Tyranny is Closing Due to the New Super Weapons


@Ron
written by Brandon Smith , April 10, 2014

There is no such thing as a fool-proof weapon or defense. Wars are not won by technology. They are won by force of will.
America Has Turned Away From God
written by SoGeorgia, April 10, 2014

Judgement is being handed down due to our total moral collapse in America.


Brandon, your article is excellent. Shared http://www.theramboreport.com/...-snap.html

Who will organize a structured resistance. We need a leader.
written by Hillbilly, April 10, 2014

The time has come for a General Washington, A retired military officer that puts principle before his pension. I have little doubt there are a shortage of patriots who will follow a real leader. Take a look at militias growing numbers in the country over the last few years, just the modern militia movement alone are in the thousands. 11,000+ the last I checked. MMM is just one group made up of all the states, there are many more if one chooses to do a little investigative work. Events such as is happening in Nevada and Connecticut are focal points, where the first shot is fired may be anywhere U.S.A. Time to pay attention folks, for if this conflict does not involve you surely it will your sons and daughters eventually. Regardless of your opinion of this rancher or gun regulation, there is no avoiding whats comming.

Thank you
written by ThomasR, April 10, 2014

Good article Brandon
we are way past the time for action,
but I get it, nobody wants to just go off the wire, but where will the provocation come from?
from what I have observed the feds are no special thing,,
they definitely have arrogance on their side.
but honestly, they bleed just like you or I, its just a matter of time.
Hitlers brown shirts were just following orders and doing their job,
I just hope it isnt too late when people finally wake the hell up and move.
I know I am not feeling particularly warm and fuzzy these days and have no faith in the political system in this country,
you see it all over the alt media world, people still under the illusion that it is the dems, or it is the repubs,,
THEY ARE ONE IN THE SAME AND ARE PLAYING GAMES WITH OUR LIVES AND OUR LIVLIHOODS!
its just a matter of time, these ass hats are just trying to figure out how they can drain the last OZ from the rest of us and how they can better manipulate us into further servitude.
Its time friends,,

...
for freedom today.

Also, beware of anyone who seems too anxious to take control. The best leaders are usually those who have no interest in obtaining power. I never look for leaders, only worthwhile teachers. The less centralized the Liberty Movement is, the safer it is from co-option.

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**Moment of Truth in Chester NY tonight...**

written by shutupnsing, April 10, 2014

The Orange County Sheriff will speak to the Orange County Oath Keepers tonight to "update" on the SAFE Act. Exactly one year ago he spoke and played politician when asked if he would enforce, by deferring to the courts...we're hoping for the best in view of developments like these, but expecting more of the same. [http://shutupnsing.wordpress.com/yehopaths/](http://shutupnsing.wordpress.com/yehopaths/)

GREAT article Brandon!! I plan to quote from it tonight!

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**Confusing Resistance and Revolution, Low-rated comment [Show]**

written by justanobserver, April 10, 2014

Keith,

There are people in sandy places that laugh at the steroidally enhanced tools in western military garb and then kill them.

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**WELL DONE**

written by JOHN HARRISON, April 10, 2014

Brandon, very well done, I wanted to copy and past every word. SO the entire article must be read and watched! It is clear that in the next few months and perhaps years this Government must turn or be turned around. I am 71 years old and very glad I don't have much time left to endure this federal bureaucracy and out of control unconstitutional Government. I fear Washington is lost, we must start with our local sheriff and politicians that believe in our Constitution as written by our Founding Fathers. If this Federal Government wants blood, then give it to them, let theirs be first! They must be stopped, our Founders would already be shooting.

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**Live Free Or Die Trying!**

written by David McElroy, April 10, 2014

Great article, Brandon! I made calls to the Nevada Governor's Office and the Clark County Sheriff to urge they protect Cliven Bundy's family, their rights and their ranch against the federal thugs! Everyone should at least raise their voices for the Bundy family right now! The feds will never apologize nor admit their evils, but they can be backed down by our sheer numbers. And when they move house to house to seize guns and dissenters, how long would they last if they lost a man at every house to fatal or maiming gunfire, ball bats, or machetes?
Real Americans Are Ready To Snap

written by Keith R. Starkey, April 10, 2014

To justanobserver, who said, "There are people in sandy places that laugh at the steroidally enhanced tools in western military garb and then kill them."

Really? Those steroided and enhanced tools, as you call them, include foreign troops coming into America to assist the takeover, sophisticated tracking and communication abilities, drones, missiles (very, very powerful ones, I might add), modern tanks, "indestructable" vehicles, a ton of other technologies that the general public has never even seen, etc., etc. And, I take it, you and a whole host of people have defenses against these and can win the victory? Really?

Come on. Let's get real. If the poop hit the fan right now, neither you nor your cohort would be able to do much at all at incoming strikes in your city. You'd be eating dust like the rest of that dying population. And the few fighters in in those "sandy" areas, with what little better-than-average weaponry they may have, will be of little obstruction to an onslaught of the likes the powers that be would present to them.

I'm not meaning to be rude here, but a wake-up call is in order. This just simply isn't a shoot 'em up, bang-bang war we're talking about. We're not in Afghanistan hiding in caves in the desert while taking on the Russians.

Again, with just one or two towns taken out in a few states and you watch how fast the rest of the public cries, "We surrender." Your kidding yourself to think otherwise.

Starkey, you are clueless

written by Captain America, April 10, 2014

The US Military hasn't won a war in 70 years. People with small arms and pickup trucks in Afghanistan have held the US military at a stalemate for 10 years. Iraq was lost the minute we invaded. What is the difference between there and here? We have vastly more armed people in this country, and far more hiding places. The US military, short of blanketing the entire continent in nuke blasts, has exactly zero chance against the enraged populace of the United States. There are no other countries that would be able to field military here that would pose a serious threat, nor would they have a reason to.

All of your "strikes" require people to do them, backed by people willing to allow them. At least half of the military (probably more) would side with the citizenry.

Take out one or two towns? It would be open season on anyone within the government. Don't fool yourself otherwise.

Starkey has a point

written by Ron B, April 10, 2014

I think Starkey has a point. The success of the resistance in sandy places is primarily due to the help provided by the majority of the indigenous population. Help in the form of intelligence, hiding places post guerrilla actions, food, even help from within the newly created military etc....

Look around you, today, do you think the resistance in this country will be helped by the majority of the population? Little or big John can even cross the street without getting almost run over because he is so absorbed by his electronic toys... Maybe, there is a guerrilla
To Captain America
written by Keith R. Starkey, April 10, 2014

OK, Korea: the first war of its kind in which, for many reasons, we didn’t win. Vietnam: we would have wiped it into the ground had we been there to do so. We weren’t. We took ground and then were told to give it up. There was no interest in winning the war, oh, but there was a ton of money to be made from it. Iraq: settled the “war” in a matter of days once our troops hit the ground (what are you talking about, that we lost the moment our troops landed?). Again, we weren’t there to “win,” only stop oil from being sold in other currencies other than the petro-dollar. Afghanistan: not there to win. Never have been. Only there to monitor the oil and nukes...oh, and poppies for dope, a major money maker for the US via the CIA.
The Afghan / Russian war (not our war, but a good example of how it won’t work here): in the desert on Afghan land with caves to hide in, the war was on the Afghan’s side. But that’s not even a remote similarity to fighting against our own government with foreign UN troops brought in to help, and all the technologies I itemized above (which you did not address), which makes the whole thing a losing battle for the general public. (You aren’t foolish to think for one minute that the government won’t utilize foreign troops if need be. The US has already long ago given its sovereignty over to the UN.

It isn’t just the military we’d be facing, it would be all the technologies and entities included (which I noted in previous posts.) There’s the DHS, the FBI—note their involvement in the current Bundy situation, oh, and remember Waco?—the CIA, the ATF, and, heh, even the EPA and IRS are getting armed (almost funny, but telling). None of these entities is going to support your resistance None of them!

And as for the “enraged populace,” as you put it, who are they?” The family guy down the street who has one or two guns in his house, who’s up to loosing his children and wife if he plays Mr. Resistance, as he watches his town and street get stormed under martial law? Who else: the millions on food stamps and welfare, who can shoot needles into their arms more accurately than they can the few Saturday Night Specials they might have. Let’s see, who else: the twenty-plus million Hispanic immigrants, not counting all the other ethnically uninclined-to-fight immigrants (which is not to say that there aren’t many immigrants who would fight. There are.) Who else: the gangs all across the US? Who else: The average, everyday Joe who may own a ton of guns? What, are these guys going to take on tanks, missiles and every other high-tech weaponry thrown at them? You sound as if everyone is loaded for bear with super-killer technology equal to what we’d be facing. Wow! “We’ll fight ’em. We’ll take to the streets. We’ll go all guerilla warfare on them. We’ll...” Yeah, OK. Sure.

As to the military, it’s getting cleaned and cleared out, quickly of any leadership that opposes Obama. If martial law is implemented, the military will be right there to enforce, or, for that matter, even try to take over themselves, something that never ends well for the general citizen. Further, they are only one group of many who can wreak havoc in much larger scales than in just the shoot ’em up, bang-bang you can throw at them.

Finally, you don’t need to blow up an entire city to obliterate it. You simply need to take out its essential utility providers and other similar entities. The “enraged populace,” whomever they are, would not stand a chance of resistance, particularly with starvation and self-destruction setting in shortly thereafter (you know, like the movies show when the public completely looses it and goes all carnage on each other).

Come on, this isn’t rocket science. It won’t take much at all to persuade the “enraged populace” to submit. As for those who think they can play guerilla warfare with this kind of onslaught, well, I honestly say that I wish you luck, but I just don’t see it happening.

Keith R. Starkey,

Perhaps you are simply projecting.
Starkey is still clueless
written by Captain America, April 10, 2014

You list all this equipment that is far, far too small an inventory to occupy a country the size of the US. Impossible. Further, all of these Federal employees you fear would side with a tyrannical government (many or most would not) are outnumbered 100 to 1.

As for all those “conflicts” that you so deftly droned on about - why would a military that was fed into wasted efforts suddenly be all gung ho to take on the country they swore to defend? A minority of troops would do so, and the troops that would not would turn on those traitors.

The average gun owner doesn't just buy a gun and let it sit in the closet. I don't know anyone that owns a gun and is not proficient in its use.

Your “tech” is only effective if it is allowed to be so. There are plenty of countermeasures of which you are clearly unaware. As I recall, even this blog has had articles on those topics. There are many other sources.

Foreign troops? Don't make me laugh. Blue helmets make great targets. This country is FULL of ex-military and sharp shooters. One sniper can lock down dozens of troops.

The US government is a paper tiger. You have been pussified by fear of something that would lose and lose handily.

free speech ZONES!
written by ebbk, April 10, 2014

If people are actually staying in the "1st amendment zones" that are totally unconstitutional, then the people are doing what the tyrants want. They should be able to assemble and protest ANYWHERE... I see NO restrictions in the law of the land, the USA constitution. NONE. They are fenced off like animals and not taken seriously. Those surrounding the trucks on the video are truly doing what they should be doing. They also should have tasers and large dogs. Everyone has the RIGHT to defend themselves. As for gun laws, they are now going with the mental illness mantra and that if diagnosed with a mental illness, no more guns. The shrinks just added ODD disorder in 2014, which means oppositional defiance disorder. So everyone in the video is now mentally ill. Be aware of it. It is the next move to confiscate thru backdoor means,

@Keith
written by Brandon Smith, April 10, 2014

Keith is another example of the common nihilist. These people are present during every revolution in history claiming the fight has been lost before it has even begun. The bottom line is, the U.S. has not defeated a guerrilla style force since WWII and Iwo Jima. I suggest your read H.John Poole's collection of works, including Phantom Soldier, which outlines the modern military addiction to technology instead of strategy, and why the so called "digital battlefield" will lead to their downfall at the hands of low-tech adversaries.

You can also read my articles on small indigenous forces vs. larger more advanced aggressors in these articles:


Also, the argument that our fight will be "futile" because the enemy is more powerful is, ultimately, meaningless. When you are defending your freedom and your future, IT DOES NOT MATTER how strong the opponent is. IT DOES NOT MATTER what your chances are.
You fight because the alternative is much worse. You fight because you prefer to die on your feet rather than die on your knees begging for mercy, or living a long life of slavery. This is what you do not seem to grasp.

All talk.....
written by weekendwarrior , April 10, 2014

Unless ALL of you guys are posting from Bunkerville, NV you should not be allowed to comment, because you would be all talk and no action. The battle is in Nevada NOT from your armchair. The time for intellectual discourse has long past.

@Weekend warrior

The fight is EVERYWHERE, not just in Nevada, oh internet tough guy hiding behind a fake name while criticizing others.

An acquaintance of mine who was in the militia during the Freemen incident in Montana was once approached by a federal agent and asked "If things go south in Montana do you plan to pick up your gun and march out there...?"

My friend responded:

"Why go all the way to Montana when there are plenty of you SOB's right here?"

The fed's eyes apparently turned to saucers.

Write comment

Document this NSA
written by Yaaqov ben Ya'aqov , April 10, 2014

weekendwarrior is likely another government paid troll.

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