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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Cues Up Race Politics

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. responds to article published in today's *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 'Lawmaker blames Tom Barrett for crime spilling into suburbs':

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, which has become nothing more than the propaganda machine of the Milwaukee Democrat Party and left-wing ideology, compromised its integrity yet again after Rep. Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls) correctly and articulately called out City of Milwaukee's political class for being ineffective in controlling violent crime that is now spreading into surrounding counties. Armed carjackers led Milwaukee police on a pursuit that ended up in Washington County last week.

Rep. Brandtjen performed an act of political courage, something rarely seen among Milwaukee's electorate. The thought of armed criminals from Milwaukee possibly invading a suburban home made me thankful that the GOP-led legislature enacted Castle Doctrine several years ago, allowing homeowners to use deadly force to defend themselves and their families inside their homes.

Journal Sentinel writers Bill Glauber and Patrick Marley wasted no time in dialing up a response from Milwaukee's one-trick-pony legislators, knowing they would do what they do best in responding to the truth about Milwaukee's culturally dysfunctional underclass. Unable to respond with anything intelligent, area legislators played the race card. This was predictable and intentional and Marley and Glauber knew it.

State Rep. Mandela Barnes, whose empty slate biography precedes him, and who routinely plays the race card - blamed whitey, blamed Governor Scott Walker, and for good measure threw in the name of Donald Trump - all while calling suburban residents racist. State Senator Lena Taylor, not wanting to be outdone by Barnes, her primary opponent in August, also passed the buck in using the obviously Democrat focus-group-tested phrase, "dangerous rhetoric" in reference to Brandtjen, and said that Milwaukee's inept political class was not to blame. The liberal strategy is that when you cannot articulate an intelligent response and you are losing an argument, throw down the race card in hopes that white conservatives will flee like their hair is on fire.

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The truth is, the Milwaukee political class has no answers for the entrenched poverty that is now a lifestyle, the high unemployment where people can't find meaningful work because Mayor Tom Barrett has poured all his political capital into a trolley that runs in a small circle instead of attracting business that can employ people. Nor does the mayor have the intestinal fortitude to fix his miserably failing Milwaukee Public Schools system, or hire more police to give Milwaukee residents a decent quality of life, so a nine-year-old girl, Za'layia Jenkins, could safely watch TV from inside her home without bullets tearing into the walls from a gun fight outside.

All of this has Milwaukee circling the drain. Help me here, but I don't see how any of these pathologies have been caused by whitey, Governor Walker, or GOP legislators as Barnes and Taylor suggest. Like crack addicts, they are constantly asking for more money to fuel their habit. What Milwaukee needs is less money and a real plan from those responsible for this urban decay.

What Milwaukee needs is *no more*, as in no more state aid, no more rallies, no more marches, summits or task forces. Milwaukee needs to end these crazy social-engineering, criminal justice experiments and stop being stupid about crime and get tough on crime. You start by reducing the size of Milwaukee's culturally dysfunctional underclass and you'll see lower crime rates.

I applaud Rep. Janel Brandtjen for her courage and for standing up for her constituents who are not happy with the stain of Milwaukee crime and violence bleeding into their community. She need not fear the race card. It is impotent. I stand with her and implore Assembly Speaker Rep. Robin Vos, Senate President Scott Fitzgerald and Governor Walker to join her in forcing the behavior change that is needed with Milwaukee's one-trick pony, race-baiting, hustling political class by telling them: NO MORE MONEY.

By the way, I thought ShotSpotter technology was supposed to be the magic pill to solve Milwaukee's violence. State taxpayers paid for that too.



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