I'm a police chief. I know about use of force.

And recent data about police behavior tells a different story than many believe.

By Louis M. Dekmar

Contrary to the narrative and beliefs of some, and the seeming unanimously across social media, there is a reality in police behavior and data.

Recently, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) gathered detailed information from 254 police departments across the state to provide information on police use of force. The data reveals the following:

- In 2021, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) documented 55 persons killed by law enforcement, which is a significant media result in police use of force between the police and civilians.
- The GBI also investigated all police-involved shootings, which garnered significant media coverage and social media exchanges, occurred in a fraction of those cases. Some were incidents that were not fatal.

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In 2021, the GBI Bureau of Investigation (GBI), which investigates all police-involved shootings statewide except for agency, reported 15 persons were killed by law enforcement, one in all, 155,000 citizens contacts or 0.0007% of all traffic-related responses and citizen contacts have very little to do with crime and everything to do with some form of social service, which is not handled properly impacts public safety and in turn.

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The financial costs to communities in lost and damaged lives is incalculable.

Competitive salaries alone can convince an officer to serve in their community, or increase the potential for local and state leadership and avoid the stress that comes with data and research will appeal to law enforcement officers and the ranks of police service. In the area of police use of force, facts frequently contradict politics.

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**BALANCED VIEWS**

**FROM THE LEFT**

**Despite stand on Jan. 6, Pence shows himself to be spineless**

By Charles M. Blow

There is one thing about Mike Pence that has always bothered me: he is a spineless weasel. Pence recently said in a speech that he would “consider” filing a lawsuit to challenge the 2020 election result. The whole thing is partisan nonsense. What do all this mean? They want to talk to him, and he knows it.

In the beginning of the Biden administration, many people went around talking about how Pence was going to be a spineless weasel. I think he maybe is really the only one that has even had a coherent narrative.

In January 2020, a mob went to the Capitol and threatened the life of the then-Vice President, Mike Pence. “Hang Mike Pence!” a gallows was erected. He barely escaped the rioters. And yet the man is still so caught up in the political narrative of the day that he licks himself into a corner that he can hardly even move.

In the public’s view, Pence is the poster child for how to not be a spineless weasel.

Charles M. Blow
He once ran the New York Times.

**FROM THE RIGHT**

**Autocracy doesn’t have to be America’s mortal enemy**

By Pat Buchanan

In the aftermath of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, President Joe Biden declared in the nation’s capital that “We would be Trump’s only real friend in the world.”

If Trump were to be elected, Pence would be Trump’s only real friend in the world.

We are engaged in a great battle for freedom. A battle between democracy and autocracy.

The international community is divided over Ukraine’s fate.

In the face of the invasion, we must support Ukraine.

The cost is the cost of our future, our freedom, our very existence.

Pat Buchanan
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