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Police state USA: Student assaulted and tasered by police for asking John Kerry the wrong question

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Andrew Meyer, a 21-year-old student at the University of Florida, was assaulted by police officers yesterday immediately after asking Sen. John Kerry if he was associated with the Skull and Bones Society. Uniformed police officers brutally assaulted Meyer with a taser, jolting him with tens of thousands of volts of electricity as he screamed, "Help! Help me!" to a room full of astonished onlookers. The mainstream media is censoring the truth of this story, refusing to report the nature of the question asked by Meyer immediately preceding his brutal arrest and kidnapping (see below) by assaulting police officers.

A video of the event, filmed by Kyle Mitchell, is making the rounds on the internet and is available now at YouTube.com: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=6bVa6jn4rpE>

The two-minute video shows officers grabbing Meyer's arms, throwing him to the ground and then, *after Meyer is already secured on the ground*, blasting him with a taser.

Here's a blow-by-blow account of what happens in the video. All dialog below is from Andrew Meyer:

Meyer is at the microphone, asking Sen. John Kerry a question. Police are standing behind him. "Are you a member of Skull and Bones... are you in the same secret society?"

Two uniformed police officers step forward and grab his arms.

"Excuse me, what are you arresting me for?"

Officers are holding his arms and begin to march him away from the microphone.

"Woah, woah! Is anybody watching this?"

Meyer holds his arms in the air, is shouting something to the audience to get them to pay attention. The audio is difficult to hear. At no point is he fighting the officers or striking them in any way. He is merely holding his arms in the air and attempting to stand his ground and be heard.

A large uniformed officer forcefully picks him up by his torso and begins to carry him away from the room down the center aisle.

"Help! Help! They're arresting me! What have I done?"

When Meyer reaches the back of the room, he does what any rational human being would attempt to do when assaulted by someone: He attempts to flee.

"Get away from me, man. Get off of me!"

He tries to run but is grabbed by officers and thrown to the ground. The number of officers now assaulting Meyer is six: Four white males, one white female and one black male.

"What did I do? HELP! HELP!"

The six officers pin his arms and legs to the ground and pull out handcuffs.

"HELP ME! HELP! They're arresting me!"

The female officer, with her finger pointed at him, screams at him, "Stop resisting!"

He relaxes a bit and says, "If you let me go, I'll walk out of here."

The female officer says, "Quiet down! Do it now!"

Then the officers forcefully turn him over and thrust his torso to the ground so that he's laying flat on his stomach, with his face on the floor.

"Why are they arresting me? Can someone do something here?"

"What did I do? Get off me, man! I didn't do anything!"

He tries to sit up, using his arm to grasp the edge of a seat and pull himself up. An officer pulls out a taser.

"Don't tase me bro! Don't tase me!"

The officer tasers the student, and the taser clicking is clearly heard on the video.

"OWWW! OWWW! OWWW!"

Another girl is heard screaming in the background (unknown at this time who it is).

"OWWW! OH MY GOD! WHAT DID I DO?"

Someone screams in the background, "Police brutality!"

Someone in the foreground (bearded man) says, "Stay back!"

Police escort Meyer out of the room and the video ends.

Welcome to the new police state

What you have just witnessed in this video is an authentic scene of police state brutality. The video clearly shows that:

- Meyer was assaulted by six officers, thrown to the ground and attacked with a violent weapon.
- Meyer volunteered to leave the room if the officers would let him go.
- Meyer did not strike any officer at any time. His hands were always in a defensive position.
- Meyer attempted to flee his assailants (as any rational person would).
- Meyer committed no crime whatsoever. At no point did any law enforcement officer accuse Meyer of committing any crime other than "resisting arrest" (which is not a crime when the arrest is illegal in the first place, see below).
- Meyer was arrested for merely exercising his Free Speech rights.

It is every citizen's duty to resist false arrest

There is no such crime as "resisting arrest." This is a fictitious crime dreamed up by law enforcement to accuse a citizen of a crime when they refuse to surrender to the illegal demands of the police.

U.S. courts have ruled on numerous occasions that resisting a false arrest is not merely a citizen's right, but his duty! In fact, courts have gone so far as to rule that if a law enforcement officer is killed as a result of actions stemming from a citizen's attempts to defend themselves against a false arrest, it is the fault of the officer, not the citizen.

Here's a short collection of relevant court rulings on false arrest and resisting arrest:

"When a person, being without fault, is in a place where he has a right to be, is violently assaulted, he may, without retreating, repel by force, and if, in the reasonable exercise of his right of self defense, his assailant is killed, he is justified." Runyan v. State, 57 Ind. 80; Miller v. State, 74 Ind. 1.

"These principles apply as well to an officer attempting to make an arrest, who abuses his authority and transcends the bounds thereof by the use of unnecessary force and violence, as they do to a private individual who unlawfully uses such force and violence." Jones v. State, 26 Tex. App. 1; Beaverts v. State, 4 Tex. App. 1 75; Skidmore v. State, 43 Tex. 93, 903.

"An illegal arrest is an assault and battery. The person so attempted to be restrained of his liberty has the same right to use force in defending himself as he would in repelling any other assault and battery." (State v. Robinson, 145 ME. 77, 72 ATL. 260).

In other words, **Andrew Meyer would have been justified in using whatever reasonable means necessary to defend his life against his assailants.** The gang of six individuals who assaulted Meyer, regardless of what clothing and badges they were wearing, were threatening his safety and his life. They assaulted him with a dangerous and potentially deadly weapon, and they kidnapped him by forcefully removing him from the room against his will.

Was Meyer being annoying to others by taking up air time at the microphone? Perhaps so. But being annoying is not a crime. If it were, John Kerry, President Bush and practically elected official in the country should be arrested. They're all far more annoying than Meyer.

Additional information from the courts:

"Each person has the right to resist an unlawful arrest. In such a case, the person attempting the arrest stands in the position of a wrongdoer and may be resisted by the use of force, as in self-defense." (State v. Mobley, 240 N.C. 476, 83 S.E. 2d 100).

Why did the bystanders not assist Meyer?

The most astonishing thing about this video is not merely the fact that six police officers brutally assaulted and arrested Meyer for his "Free Speech crimes," but that this room full of onlookers did nothing while Meyer screamed for help.

In 1964, a New York resident named Kitty Genovese was stabbed to death, screaming for help, while hundreds of her neighbors watched and did nothing. No one called the police. The case of Kitty Genovese became a lightning rod for psychological research that attempted to understand the madness of crowds and why a group of people would do nothing to help an innocent bystander.

Today, in Florida, a room full of fellow students looked on and did nothing while their classmate,

Andrew Meyer, was brutally attacked by an armed gang, right on the floor in front of them. They watched and did nothing. Not one person attempted to rush to the aid of Meyer who was screaming "HELP! HELP ME!"

Do individuals have the right to come to the aid of another citizen being falsely arrested? **You bet they do.** As another court case ruled:

"One may come to the aid of another being unlawfully arrested, just as he may where one is being assaulted, molested, raped or kidnapped. Thus it is not an offense to liberate one from the unlawful custody of an officer, even though he may have submitted to such custody, without resistance." (Adams v. State, 121 Ga. 16, 48 S.E. 910).

And on the issue of actually killing an arresting officer in self defense:

"Citizens may resist unlawful arrest to the point of taking an arresting officer's life if necessary." Plummer v. State, 136 Ind. 306. This premise was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case: John Bad Elk v. U.S., 177 U.S. 529.

Why onlookers did nothing

The sad fact of this matter is that the onlookers did nothing **because Americans have been terrorized by their own government to fear authority and follow orders.** Americans fear their government. That alone is a dangerous situation, since the balance of power in a free society actually depends on a government fearing the people!

When the people fear their government, that government has complete power over the people. And our government in particular has used fear as a weapon of mass terror against the American people for several decades now. The U.S. government now has Americans so scared of fictitious threats that the citizens have submitted to the most insane security processes, such as surrendering bottles of water at the airport before boarding an airplane, or submitting to random searches of vehicles at roadside checkpoints.

In this particular video, **we are watching a group of terrorized onlookers sit in their chairs and do nothing while a fellow citizen is arrested and assaulted for committing no crime.** If all this sounds familiar, it should: You probably read it in the novel *1984* by George Orwell.

In a police state society, the citizens are turned against each other. Each looks out for only his own survival, ignoring cries for help by fellow citizens who are being assaulted or killed by the state-run police forces. No one comes to the aid of another because they, too, would then be arrested for "resisting arrest" and charged with some bogus crime (or simply locked away and "disappeared").

Don't think this could happen in the USA? You just watched it happen. **You are witnessing the reaction of a nation of citizens who live in fear.** There is no more rational reaction to police brutality in this country. Everyone simply watches it, tolerates it, and says nothing.

From this point there is no limit to the degree of police powers abuse that can now be perpetrated against the citizens of this nation. The sheeple have surrendered to fear and submitted to the false authority of so-called "law enforcement" gangs who actually have no respect whatsoever for laws.

Andrew Meyer deserves to be seen as a hero for his courageous actions in the face of police brutality and complete abandonment by his fellow students. His video serves as a powerful reminder that the citizens of this nation have already lost their freedoms, and if they do not wake up and start to protest, exercise free speech and fight against police brutality, they will never regain the rights and freedoms that once existed in this nation.

It is no coincidence that the police made an example of Andrew Meyer

One more thing worth remembering here: In a police state society, the state must, from time to time, remind the citizens who's in charge. This incident serves as a powerful reminder to those who might dare to exercise their Free Speech rights and ask tough questions of Senators or Presidents: Those who refuse to follow the propaganda will be assaulted and arrested!

The wild popularity of this video on YouTube only serves to remind millions of viewers of what might happen to them if they, too, decide to speak out and actually tell the truth at a public gathering.

Remember, the first rule of tyranny is that you've got to stop people from speaking the truth. The second rule is to punish anyone who dares to speak the truth, and the third rule is to make sure the people don't help each other resist false authority.

You saw all three rules played in in today's YouTube video. Watch it again at:
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=6bVa6jn4rpE>

Thankfully, we're not yet in a full-on police state, or else you wouldn't be able to read this article. We still have some time to reverse this situation and take back our freedoms. I encourage you to do so in every non-violent way possible. Speak out! Protest! Tell the truth in an auditorium! Refuse to remain silent. Refuse to submit to fear and false authority.

Remember: The only way to protect Free Speech is to exercise it. Use it or lose it.

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An impromptu test of integrity

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Debate has arisen over whether University of Florida police acted hastily in using a taser to restrain a student who was asking belligerent questions at a student forum hosting Sen. John Kerry last Monday. Here's the scene: Andrew Meyer, 21, approached an open microphone holding a book. John Kerry pointed to him and says, "Yes, you."

Meyer began a self-indulgent polemic, recommending Kerry to a book about voter fraud in the 2004 presidential election. He then asked about the senator's participation in the Yale secret society Skull and Bones. Meyer was obnoxious, but clearly harmless. At this point, his microphone was shut off and four policemen, who had been hovering behind him, forcibly guided him towards the door. He resisted, and within moments was being tasered on the floor of the aisle while the audience watched in shock. The police were obviously behaving inordinately, but the small audience did nothing. On this popular YouTube video, a lone woman can be heard screaming, "Why are you doing this to him?"

One man's silence was the most profound. After a painfully long minute, Kerry spoke feebly: "That's all right, let me answer his question." And he did, while Meyer writhed in pain, his voice muffled as an electric current passed through his body. For all of Kerry's invectives against the leadership capabilities of the current president, it is now our duty to hold him accountable for his failure to take command of a situation which begged the most basic form of leadership: courage.

At a time when the government seems completely insulated from public opinion, when even the democratic majority in Congress, presumably elected to end the Iraq war, refuses to act while their approval ratings free fall below 30 percent, and when Rolling Stone Magazine

concludes that Bush has "stolen" a second election through fraud, it now appears that a student cannot broach any of these topics without being violently restrained.

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Representative democracy has been reduced to an abstract triviality. Today, few Americans truly feel propriety over their government. They watch in cowed astonishment as their voices are silenced and as their leaders faithfully answer to no one.

What formed in Kerry's mind as he watched this spectacle? Disgust? Outrage? Shame? Fear? His deep, authoritative voice, once heard in the jungles of Vietnam and above the megaphones of Nixon's riot police, did not ring out last Monday, calling for an end to the violence before his eyes. Perhaps, as chaos descended on the auditorium, he caught a brief glimpse of a headline that would never be published: "Kerry obstructs unlawful police brutality." The frightened screams of the audience failed to convey to him how the American people might have reacted.