

JUST MY OPINION

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I am sure most have now watched all or at least a portion of the video released by the Memphis Police Department concerning the death of Tyre Nichols. Personally, I have never watched something as heinous in my entire life. There is no doubt in my mind that the five police officers are guilty of murdering Tyre Nichols. What started as a traffic stop for supposed reckless driving turned brutal immediately by the police officers. Tyre was never given the opportunity to obey the commands being shouted at him. There were multiple commands by multiple officers, some commands were actually impossible for the victim to obey, such as commands to put his hands behind his back all the while the officers had hold of his hands. In fact, these police thugs issued over 71 commands in a 13-minute time frame. There is no excuse for any human to be treated in this manner. These five police officers reminded me of a pack of angry bulldogs attacking; they were totally out of control.

For the record I am not pro defund the police, I am not pro total restructuring of law enforcement. However, law enforcement officers on a daily basis have become tyrants. Let me clarify, not all officers fall into this category by any means, but it is a growing problem throughout the country. One can watch YouTube videos all day of police abusing their power while violating the Constitution that each swore to uphold. There have always been a few bad apples in law enforcement but in today's time there seems to be more of them. This could very well be due to the increased threat they perceive from the violent world we all live in. It takes a special type of person to be a good law enforcement officer; we are blessed in Nassau County to have such a large majority of good officers.

Way too often a bad outcome with the interaction with law enforcement rests solely on the back of the subject. Just obey and comply will normally prevent the escalation of the encounter. In the case with Tyre Nichols, he was never given the opportunity to obey and comply. The officers had already escalated the situation themselves and continued escalating throughout the entire episode.

Now the political side of this grizzly murder is perplexing. Tyre was black, but also, all five police officers were black. This throws a monkey wrench in the normal ranting from the left. They would much prefer that the officers were white, which would enhance their agenda. The left isn't going to let this totally ruin their agenda though. Don Lemmon, a former Obama Administration Official and now CNN contributor along with Al Sharpton, are still blaming this crime as being racially motivated. You heard it right... five black police officers kill a black man and it is all due to racism. Lemmon says the white racism has infiltrated the mind of blacks which cause them to think black lives do not matter. I cannot comprehend such a stupid explanation. The left is so out of touch with reality that it's really scary. According to Lemmon's way of thinking, the out-of-control black on black violence as witnessed daily in Jacksonville, Chicago, New York and on and on is caused by white racism that has taken control of black minds. How sick and demented can one be? Why can't they just admit that five bad police officers killed a man? Color of skin should not be in the equation! A life was taken unnecessarily, period. My heart and prayers are for God's comfort to the Nichols family.

As always...that's just my opinion!