The Woke Revolution's Memo on Mass Shootings

Memo in light of recent events, for the immediate attention of all political and media leaders aligned with the Woke Revolution, which is to say, just about all of them:

Mass shootings like those that just took place in Atlanta and Boulder are a tragedy, of course. But they are also one of the best propaganda tools for the contemporary Woke Movement to advance the agenda, if framed and discussed properly. As you know, the Woke Revolution believes that no crisis (i.e. opportunity for propagandizing) should ever pass without harnessing it to our agenda. The following guidelines, produced by experts in Woke Thought and Activism, delineate the best way to talk about mass shootings:

- •When information on specifics is limited, the best practice is to blame easy access to guns, pledging to curtail that access. Use the opportunity to blast the National Rifle Association and other groups that advocate for Second Amendment rights.
- Give <u>editorial space to ideologues</u> masquerading as scholars who can frame the American constitutional right to gun ownership as a "public health crisis."
- Ignore inconvenient facts about gun ownership and violence in the U.S. The fact that mass shootings make up a very tiny fraction of the murders in this country every year does not advance the Woke Agenda, nor do the facts that the vast majority of crimes committed while in possession of a firearm were done so with illegally acquired guns, and that legally owned guns play a role in preventing a vast amount of crime every year.

SUMMARY: When in doubt, it's always the guns. The Woke

Revolution believes there are too many guns (in the hands of citizens, that is—members of the cultural elite will of course need armed guards to keep themselves safe) and citizen disarmament is a righteous and undisputable goal.

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When basic demographic information is known about the suspect, rigorously adhere to the following guidelines:

- If the suspect is a white male, especially if any information can be found on his social media accounts to indicate he is not fully devoted to the Woke Agenda, describe him as part of a general white and male supremacist terror threat. No further corroboration of this charge is ever needed.
- Even if nothing is known about motive, speculate vigorously that the motive must have been "hate."
- Confidently talk about a neat, strong causal connection between "right wing" culture and rhetoric and the suspect's murderous acts. No argument to show causality is needed. In fact, any effort at careful demonstration of this complex point will just confuse and bore Woke and Woke-sympathetic readers and listeners, so just aggressively claim it, without argument, over and over and over.
- Connect the suspect to Donald Trump, if at all possible, however tenuous the connection.
- In all situations of white male suspects killing non-white victims, allude to the general American culture of white supremacy, anti-blackness, and hatred of immigrants, and non-Christians as the obvious cause. Advocate for stringent restrictions on public expression of values and beliefs that can be connected to that general culture.

- If the suspect is *not* a white male, but a member of any privileged minority victim group (e.g., black/BLM, Muslim, LGBTQ, Antifa), avoid making note of these demographic facts. Especially avoid any discussion of this if the suspect's name suggests his demographic status (e.g., ethnicity or race, religious affiliation, immigration status).
- If no firm information on the suspect's demographic status is available, confidently <u>assert that he must have been "an angry white man"</u> and refuse to back down on this claim unless it becomes wholly untenable in light of evidence.
- If there is any evidence that the suspect <u>displayed</u> <u>characteristics that can be described as "mental illness,"</u> focus determinedly on this.
- Rely on allies in major media firms to <u>eliminate or limit access to information</u> that might show the suspect's connection to privileged minority groups and/or Woke Ideas, making it possible for citizens to independently verify information we give them. The suspect's minority victim status can only ever be invoked in one way: as an explanation and justification for his acts.
- Emphasize the <u>structural oppression</u> which forced the suspect to become violent, and then advocate for stringent restrictions on public expression of white supremacist values and beliefs.
- In no case is it permissible to suggest a causal theory for the suspect's actions that parallels the logic outlined above for white suspects. It can never be the case that Woke Culture and Rhetoric about how horrible a society America is for everyone who is not a straight

white male contributed to the resentment of the suspect and thereby to his murderous acts. The best practice is to continue to claim that "no information about motives is available at this time," no matter how much such information there might be.

SUMMARY: White male suspect = hate crime and clear causal effect of right-wing rhetoric. Non-white male, approved victim population suspect = motive unknown, perhaps mental illness, provoked by oppression, "America is a hateful white supremacist country," rhetorical background irrelevant.

Please attend to the guidelines outlined in this document at all times. The eyes of the Woke Revolution are upon you.

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