

Weekly Posting of the Conservative Cow Doctor

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Flash Mobs

The flash mob is the world's newest form of terrorism. Bands of juvenile delinquents are using social websites to coordinate violent attacks all across America and around the globe. By its very nature, mob mentality takes stupid to astronomical levels and people whose only crime is being successful are unmercifully pillaged. By predetermined electronic provocation, a seemingly peaceful cluster of looters violently explodes. While I was reading news reports about recent flash mobs I thought, "I've seen this before."

It was a cold January in the early years of my practice. When you are a starving veterinarian you are very accommodating, so when Gerald asked me to preg-check twenty cows at nine o'clock at night, I agreed to be there. Gerald was a cow trader who owned over a thousand momma cows, but never more than twenty at any particular moment in time. He bought these particular cows in Miles City, hauled them home to Joliet, and needed them checked that night so he could deliver them to their new owner in Columbus the next morning. (Gerald was the poster child of free market capitalism and supply chain dynamics as defined by his 24-foot gooseneck trailer.)

I pulled into Gerald's driveway just as the temperature dropped through 20 below zero. (It's so glamorous being a large animal veterinarian in Montana.) I tugged on my one-armed coveralls, pulled on a plastic OB sleeve and walked toward the corral. The R-value of an OB sleeve is zero and I looked forward to warming my left arm in the first cow—a sensation not shared with equal anticipation by cow number one. The first three cows fed right through the chute and it appeared this would be a trouble free evening. I was wrong. Apparently the ambient temperature had dropped so low, electricity froze in the power line and with a snap, the entire Rock Creek valley went pitch black. "Being dark shouldn't matter," I thought to myself. "My left arm works where the sun never shines, so the absence of light should not slow our progress." I was wrong again.

Gerald's corral was designed so the processed cows gathered in the same pen as the chute. Normally this is not a problem, but on this particular cold, dark night it was a huge problem. Did I mention these Custer County Angus cows were as mad as they were black? The sixth or seventh cow out of the chute was particularly perturbed and out of the darkness she sprinted directly at us on a death charge...or that was what I imagined because I couldn't see a dang thing. The passing rumble and the frozen cow snot stuck to my backside proved scampering up the fence was the proper thing to do.

We pressed on and listened intently for another death charge and every time I saw Gerald jump on the fence, I joined him. Many of these turned out to be bluff charges where we climbed the fence for no reason, but it was better safe than sorry and eventually we

finished the job. As I peeled off my sleeve and climbed over the fence I told Gerald, “Don’t tell anyone I did this or soon everyone will want to preg-check their cows in the dark when it’s 20 below.”

The same senselessness I saw in my cow flash mob exists in the flash mobs today. In interviews, looters in London justified their robbery and assault to prove to the rich “we can take and do anything we want.” Answer me this: We removed God and His Ten Commandments from the classroom in 1962, how is that working now? Following the ‘60s, the self-esteem movement took hold and soon self-respect and self-restraint were replaced with the idolatry of how you felt about yourself. When this useless self-worship is coupled with the class warfare rhetoric from today’s Marxist politicians, it is no wonder an entire generation feels entitled to the bounty of others simply because they want it.

The commonality in all flash mobs is their organization and execution via the electronic social media. Of greater concern to me than the violence and thievery of flash mobs will be legislator’s kneejerk response. Every entity with the power to make law will strike and overwrite sections of the First Amendment so as to prohibit the use of electronic devices to assemble people. Under the illusion of security, freedom will be voted away yet again.