



The Joshua Tree



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UNDERSTANDING THE CONTRAST: LEFT-WING AND RIGHT-WING TERRORISM

In today's socio-political landscape, terrorism isn't confined to any one ideology or group. While Islamic extremism often dominates headlines, there's a growing awareness of terrorism stemming from other ideological spectrums, particularly left-wing and right-wing extremism. Understanding the contrast between left-wing and right-wing terrorism is crucial for effective counter-terrorism strategies and societal resilience. Victor Valley College Political Science Professor **Kevork Kazanjian** shared the dangers of strictly left wing terrorism to the group this week, in the spirit of fair balance, this week's cover story covers the dangers of both left and right wing terrorism.



Left-wing terrorism typically emerges from ideologies advocating for societal equality, social justice, and anti-capitalism. Groups or individuals affiliated with left-wing extremism often target institutions perceived as oppressive, such as government buildings, multinational corporations, or financial institutions. Their tactics may be supported by intellectuals and even a majority of reporting media.

The motivations behind left-wing terrorism often revolve around challenging perceived systems of oppression and advocating for revolutionary change. Historical examples include groups like the Red Army Faction in Germany and the Weather Underground in the United States, who sought to overthrow capitalist systems they viewed as exploitative and oppressive.

On the other hand, right-wing terrorism is rooted in ideologies emphasizing nationalism, racial supremacy, and traditionalism. Right-wing extremists typically target minority groups, immigrants, or individuals perceived as threats to their cultural or racial identity. Attacks may involve mass shootings, hate crimes, or acts of domestic insurgency.

Right-wing terrorists often see themselves as defenders of their nation or race against perceived threats, including multiculturalism, globalization, or government overreach. Examples of right-wing extremism include movements like white supremacy, neo-Nazism, or anti-government militias, which seek to preserve what they perceive as the traditional social order.

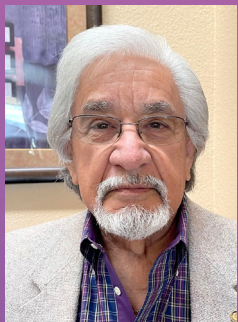
While both left-wing and right-wing terrorism share a propensity for violence and radical ideologies, they differ significantly in their targets, motivations, and tactics.

Targets: Left-wing terrorism primarily targets symbols of authority, capitalism, or institutions seen as perpetuating societal inequality. Right-wing terrorism, on the other hand, targets minority groups, immigrants, or individuals perceived as threats to traditional values or cultural identity.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute:** **Bill Scott**
- 4-Way Test:** **Jim Murray**
- Fine Master:** **David North**

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TAFOYA TALKS

Thank you to Kevork Kazanijian from Victor Valley College for sharing your views on left wing terrorism and the damming effects it has on our country.



The Rotary Super Bowl Party on February 11 at the home of David and Carrie North is FREE for all Rotarians and guests. Pulled Pork sandwiches and drinks will be on the menu and betting squares will be ready as well! Please see more info on page 4.

We have our Gift Basket raffle tickets now available for \$10 each! We will give you a pack of 25 to sell at work, to friends and family members! Currently, the basket is over \$2,000 worth of goodies! Please continue to donate to the gift basket so we can sell many more tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at this year's Demotion Party.

Please keep Margaret Cooker in your prayers as she is currently in the hospital and will be transferred soon to Loma Linda for a much needed operation.

See you next week, as we will find out who the big winner is!

Ben Tafoya

Kazanijian...

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Motivations: Left-wing terrorists are often motivated by a desire to dismantle perceived systems of oppression and achieve societal equality through revolutionary means. Right-wing terrorists are driven by ideologies of nationalism, racial supremacy, and the preservation of traditional values against perceived threats.

Tactics: Left-wing terrorism tends to involve bombings, assassinations, or large-scale protests aimed at disrupting systems of power. Right-wing terrorism often manifests as hate crimes, mass shootings, or acts of domestic insurgency targeting specific demographic groups or communities.

Moreover, the response to left-wing and right-wing terrorism differs in terms of public perception, governmental action, and law enforcement strategies. Left-wing terrorism is sometimes viewed more sympathetically by certain segments of society, particularly those who identify with leftist ideologies, leading to debates about the nature of political violence and its justifiability in certain contexts. Right-wing terrorism, on the other hand, often faces more widespread condemnation due to its association with hate-based ideologies and supremacist beliefs.

In conclusion, while both left-wing and right-wing terrorism pose significant threats to societal stability and security, they stem from distinct ideological foundations and target different aspects of society. Understanding these differences is essential for developing effective counter-terrorism measures and fostering social cohesion in an increasingly polarized world.

A Welcome Addition



Congratulations to **Steve & Pam Murray** for becoming new grandparents and to **Jim & Leslie Murray** for becoming great-grandparents! **Reagan Monroe Murray** was born to **Ty & Amanda Murray** at 6lbs 6oz. 18 3/4". She came a little earlier than expected, but perfect nonetheless! Everyone is doing great and Steve and Pam have their first granddaughter! (They already have 2 grandsons). Steve's daughter Kyla is currently due with one more granddaughter who they hope to welcome into this world in March!! Fun stuff for the entire Murray family!

Steve has already said he is more than happy to accept a Rotary fine for this article.



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Mike Johnson had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will end next week with 1 chip and \$525 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Fine Session

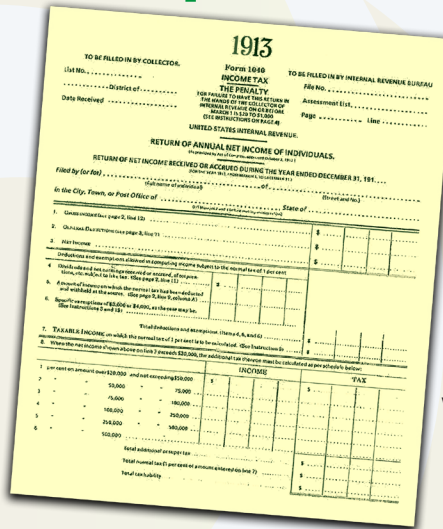
David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining Chris Ackerman, Darron Poulson, and Linda Scott \$20 each for not signing up to attend the Rotary Super Bowl Party. Jim Murray was up next, taking a \$10 penalty in honor of being a great-grandfather again! Due to the heavy rainfall, on Tuesday, Arsalee Morales was given a \$20 fine because she refused to bring David's car to the front door for him.



Raffle

Bill Edwards donated a USB car charger that will be used by Linda Hove, who also left with a car cell phone holder from Bill. Jim Murray also took home a car cell phone holder. David North gave away a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by Dan Dever, while Dan donated a large tumbler that will be enjoyed by Mr. Edwards.

Spoon of Exemption



Dan Dever had his first week with the Spoon and shared an interesting piece of tax history. One every table was a copy of the first tax return filing form, from 1913!

Dan shared that he will bring more tax history next week to the Club.

Rotary Guests

This week, we once again welcomed Angel Espino from Edward Jones, who attended as a guest of Mike Page. Tisha Lopez from Victor Valley Transit, attended with Chris Ackerman and Mr. Ackerman also invited Darren Hinrichs from PrintMart to the meeting. Linda Hove was pleased to introduce her guest, Rich Walters Plant Manager from CalPortland, and Bill Scott brought his better half, wife Linda Scott.

Our only Stand-In this week was Stefanie Montoya for Bryan Gillespie.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$5.00

Polio Pig: \$0 + Dice (Mike Johnson) \$5 = \$5.00

Collected to Date: \$20,251.33

Total equals: 101,481 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



Please Note:
There will be No Newsletter next week, February 13th



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
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Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
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Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY:	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY:	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
WEDNESDAY:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

- Feb 11: Super Bowl Party**
Home of David and Carrie North
13484 Capella Rd, AV 92308
Fellowship 2:00pm
Counts as a Fireside
- Feb 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Feb 13:** Scott Webb, City Planner, City of Victorville **TOPIC: Victorville Wellness and Recuperative Care Facility** (Metzler)
- Feb 20: San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus** (Page)
- Feb 27: Dan Stover Music Contest** (Edwards)
- Mar 5: Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest** (Johnson)
- Mar 12: OPEN**

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