

[March 19, 2016]

The classic definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, expecting a different result each time. I have another definition of insanity: doing something you are told over and over not to do, something which will most-likely get you hurt or killed or sentenced to 15 years hard labor in a North Korean prison camp. But you do it anyway. Hence, I present Otto Frederick Warmbier!

Warmbier, an economics and global stupidity - oops, sorry, sustainability - student at the University of Virginia (founder Thomas Jefferson must be puking in his grave!), was busted at Pyongyang Sunan International Airport on January 2nd for what Human Rights Watch dubs "a college-style prank": smuggling a propaganda banner he took from the staff-only area of his hotel. Proof that the greatest threat to humanity is not ISIS or bio-engineered pandemics or America-hating doughnut-whore Ariana Grande -- it's DIP SHITS!

Warmbier - who "confessed" at a February 28th news conference to his "college-style prank" at the behest of two "friends", who promised him a car, and membership into UV's über-secret Z Society (which North Korea claims has ties to the CIA) - was sentenced on March 16th after a trial lasting just 1 hour (now THAT is swift justice!) But fear not, Dear Leader is on the job: "Now that Mr. Warmbier has gone through this criminal process, we strongly urge the North Korean government to pardon him and grant him special amnesty and immediate release" chirped Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

Let us now hop into the Wayback Machine to 1994. Michael Fay was living with his mother and stepfather in Singapore when he got the bright idea to vandalize a few cars and steal a few road signs. He was sentenced to four months in jail, and a \$2,214 fine. But it wasn't the fine or the jail time that got everybody's panties in a bunch. It was the last part of the sentence: six strokes of a cane on the butt. Indeed, the way the media was carrying on, you'd swear this brat was about to be shot ("... a barbarous system that turns flesh to pulp in the name of crime deterrence" huffed John Grogan of *The Sun-Sentinel*). Strongman Ong Teng Cheong ultimately commuted the caning from six strokes to four as a gesture of respect toward then-President Bill Clinton, who called Fay's punishment extreme and mistaken. After his ordeal, Fay returned to the United States to live with his father. He entered drug rehabilitation a few months later after burning his hands and face while sniffing butane, and it's been downhill from there.

While the West was up in arms over Fay, Warmbier has gotten zero love from his fellow pranksters, except from someone named David Sugarman who launched a #WeWantWarmbier Twitter campaign. A *Washington Post* op-ed blamed the China-based tour company Warmbier signed up with for his predicament.

It's easy to make fun of Warmbier (and fellow dip shit Matthew Miller, released by North Korea in 2014, having been arrested for "unruly behavior" for seeking political asylum). But how Kim Jong-Un treats those who actually deserve our support is no laughing matter. South Korean Hyeon Soo Lim was sentenced to hard labor for life in December for "crimes against the state", code for religious activities. South Korean businessman Kim Dong Chul has been held since October 2015 for "espionage". And Baby Hitler executed defense minister Hyon Yong-Chol on April 30, 2015 with an anti-aircraft gun for falling asleep during meetings and "general insubordination".

The days when the United States commanded fear and respect from her enemies as well as her allies are long gone. Foreigners should familiarize themselves with the host country's laws, or - at the very least - use some common sense. But some dip shits just can't help themselves. The classic definition of insanity.

UPDATE: Korean-American academic Kim Sang-duk was arrested and charged with "hostile criminal acts with an aim to subvert the country" [April 22, 2017]

UPDATE: The North Korean government has released Warmbier, who reportedly has been in a coma since March 2016 [June 13, 2017]

UPDATE: Doctors announce Warmbier suffers severe brain damage. Frank Warmbier blasted Obama for doing nothing to secure his son's release [June 15, 2017]

UPDATE: Warmbier's family announces he has died [June 19, 2017]

UPDATE: The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Foreign Ministry statement:

"Warmbier is clearly a criminal sentenced to reform through labor in accordance with the DPRK law on March 16, 2016 for the hostile act he committed against the DPRK on an assignment from an anti-DPRK plot-breeding organization of the U.S. As was made public to the world, during the press conference on February 29, 2016, Warmbier confessed in tears that he had committed hostile act against the DPRK, with connivance of the U.S. administration, after he received an assignment from the Z-Society of the Virginia University of the U.S. controlled by the Friendship United Methodist Church, an anti-DPRK plot-breeding organization of the U.S., and the CIA.

"CNN and other U.S. media outlets are still broadcasting the video of Warmbier admitting his crime and apologizing for it at the press conference in Pyongyang. The DPRK-U.S. relations are in the most hostile

and belligerent state, and the U.S. is making every frantic effort to disparage the prestige of the dignified DPRK and stifle it while imposing heinous sanctions and pressure unprecedented in history.

"Although we had no reason at all to show mercy to such a criminal of the enemy state, we provided him with medical treatments and care with all sincerity on humanitarian basis until his return to the U.S., considering that his health got worse. As for the groundless public opinion now circulating in the U.S. that he died of torture and beating during his reform through labor, the American doctors who came to the DPRK for repatriation of Warmbier will have something to say about it. They examined Warmbier and exchanged medical observations about him with our doctors. They recognized that his health indicators like pulse, temperature, respiration and the examination result of the heart and lung were all normal and that we provided him with medical treatment and brought him back alive whose heart was nearly stopped.

"Now the former officials of the Obama administration publicize as their 'achievement' the release of 10 American citizens granted by the humanitarian measures we had taken. They cannot but acknowledge the fact that we treat the detainees in accordance with international laws and standard. The fact that Warmbier died suddenly in less than a week just after his return to the U.S. in his normal state of health indicators is a mystery to us as well. It reminds us of an incident that [Evan] Hunziker, an American citizen who had illegally crossed the border and entered the DPRK on August 24, 1996, died in less than a month after he returned home in perfect health accompanied by Bill Richardson, the then U.S. Congressman, on November 27 the same year thanks to our humanitarian measure. [Hunziker committed suicide 3 weeks after his return]

"At that time, the U.S had totally ignored and not even mentioned a word about his death. The point here is he was also an American citizen, was he not? Warmbier is a victim of policy of 'strategic patience' of Obama who was engrossed in utmost hostility and negation against the DPRK and refused to have dialogue with the DPRK. Why the U.S. government which claims to care about the welfare of its citizens had not even once made an official request for the release of Warmbier on humanitarian basis during the Obama administration? The answer should be given by the U.S. itself. "Although Warmbier was a criminal who committed hostile act against the DPRK, we accepted the repeated requests of the present U.S. administration and, in consideration of his bad health, sent him back home

on humanitarian grounds according to the adjudication made on June 13, 2017 by the Central Court of the DPRK. However, the U.S. totally distorted this truth and dared to clamor about 'retaliation' and 'pressure' on the dignified DPRK while deliberately kicking up the smearing campaign against the DPRK. This is a frontal challenge and political plot against us.

"To make it clear, we are the biggest victim of this incident and there would be no more foolish judgment than to think we do not know how to calculate gains and losses. The smear campaign against DPRK staged in the U.S. compels us to make firm determination that humanitarianism and benevolence for the enemy are a taboo and we should further sharpen the blade of law. The U.S. should ponder over the consequences to be entailed from its reckless and rash act". [June 23, 2017]