

# Rebuttal to Merletti

Dear Editor;

I recently read with dismay, the submission of a rather enthusiastic essay by a Mr. Phil Merletti.

Mr. Merletti's dire assessment of the peril of the "deep state" and its nefarious plans to usurp the United States, has taken on a new identity from its birthright of the John Birch Society. One can hear its message daily from Alex Jones program; the very same media outlet that claims no kindergarten children were shot and killed at Sandy Hook elementary school.

On the bright side, we here in Lincoln and in Maine, should celebrate the stated fact "those elected and nominated and volunteers in leadership of our communities, the police, religious leaders, and school officials did not attend." Those groups are trusted to remain politically agnostic for a very good reason, lest they have a notion to take up the tiki torch and demand entrance to your home on demand and without warrant.

After the experiences of 60 years of life and 20 years of Military Service USN (retired), I caution against placing any currency in the words generated from groups such as "Take America Back". For as we are seeing and hearing from the "undicted co-conspirator" President Trump, the lie must be big and repeated often for it to flourish as it did in Berlin on Kristallnacht.

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