

Kyle Rittenhouse & Kenosha: REALITY CHECK

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1. Kyle Rittenhouse Fought Well, But...

The fact remains that Kyle did NOT have to be there. He chose to be, which means he put himself in harm's way.

- We all must balance participation in politics with the risks associated in that.
- If you take a weapon to a political activity, understand that if you do have to defend yourself with force, you WILL be arrested, no matter WHAT happened.
- Being the "gray man" is incompatible with volunteering to go to violent areas where conflict happens.
- Kyle shot multiple criminals, including a convicted sex offender. That's pretty amazing, and I don't mean any of these criticisms to take away from that.

2. Legal Bills Could Cripple Kyle's Life

It's reported that Nick Sandman's lawyer is taking the case pro bono, which will save Kyle hundreds of thousands of dollars, probably... but there are some other issues:

- If he loses, Kyle goes to federal prison.
- There are always civil suits to consider, which could cripple Kyle and his family financially for their entire lives.

3. What If He'd Lost?

Kyle fought well and as a result has been celebrated as a 17-year-old with a cheap rifle and cheap optics who prevailed against multiple enemies. But...

- There is an element of luck in any armed conflict. Kyle might have been hurt or killed.

- If it was Kyle who had lost the use of his right arm, or who had died on the street in Kenosha, his life would be cut short, again in a situation he did not have to be in.
- You are responsible for every round you fire. If he had shot an innocent person, he'd be in even bigger trouble.
- Kyle's actions, while we celebrate his victory over enemies trying to kill him, may become part of an escalation to a shooting war on the streets of the United States. Remember that the actions you take WILL be publicized and may contribute to actions on a state-wide or even national scale.
- Remember, too, that your family may be targeted. You may be able to protect yourself, but what happens when the other side doxxes you and goes after your family? Consider the risks you are taking AND the risks you end up making your family take.

4. Remember That WROL Eventually Becomes Rule Of Law Again

When the streets get crazy, remember that when order is restored, you'll have to answer for everything you did.

- It's easy to forget "normal" rule of law when social chaos is happening... but what happens after?
- Set yourself up for success by avoiding trouble that you can avoid, but be ready to protect yourself when you can't.

5. Let's Hope Justice Is Served

Self-defense should ALWAYS be legal. Here's hoping that will be upheld in this case.

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