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The world witnessed a miracle on July 13th in the fields of Butler Pennsylvania. It was only by the Gace of God that President Trump turned his head at just the right moment as the assassin's bullet blew past the right side of his head striking his ear but sparing both he and the nation of an otherwise unfathomable aftermath. That moment has now been memorialized by the iconic photo of him defiantly pumping his fist in the air and crying out to America, "fight-fight-fight!" Will Trump's courageous reaction to the attempt on his life be a watershed moment in American political history? Perhaps, but only time will tell, but experts are telling us that this iconic photo could not have been taken if proper U.S. Secret Service protocol were followed. The situation demanded that President Trump be completely shielded by the bodies of the agents surrounding him and that he be whisked away to safety such that none of him was exposed to either cameras or more bullets. An analysis revealed numerous flaws including agents who were smaller in stature than President Trump and were thus unable to adequately shield him completely.

One thing is certain, much controversy has emerged in the wake of this shocking event. Conspiracy theories are flooding the Internet as the authorities appear to dither in their investigations. Nine days after the shooting Congress held the first hearing to question the Director of the U.S. Secret Service, Kimberly Cheatle. She was asked to explain to the American people the reasons for the agency's spectacular failure. Cheatle stonewalled and despite a bi-partisan grilling we know nothing more than what had already been reported in various news outlets leaving us with no additional insight as to why President Trump was allowed to be put in harm's way. The shooter was spotted both by law enforcement and civilians attending the rally well ahead of the President walking on stage. But Cheatle claimed the shooter was not deemed a threat when he was initially spotted. Subsequent testimonies by the Pennsylvania State Police revealed that it was over an hour from the time law enforcement first spotted the suspicious person to when the shooter took his shot. Furthermore, there was a total communications failure when the shooter was seen with his rifle several minutes before firing but that information never reached the Secret Service detail closest to the President. It's also very curious why the agencies could not produce any recordings of their communications. We were told that the Secret Service sharpshooter did neutralize the assassin with a single shot although questions remain why he was shot only after he was able to fire multiple rounds striking President Trump, killing Corey Comperatore and wounding two more in the audience. Law enforcement found 8 casings near the shooter's body according to news sources.



What is notable is the shot that killed the assassin was characterized as a "one in a million shot." This suggests the miracle was even more remarkable than President Trump avoiding a direct hit. We know the roof where the assassin was perched was not secured and no satisfactory answers were forthcoming. Cheatle dodged the questions as to the advance preparation of the site and why the perimeter was so unusually close to where the former President stood. When asked if any aerial drones were requested as part of the surveillance assets, Cheatle repeatedly stonewalled and would not answer those questions citing "ongoing investigations." The lack of answers from the Director in charge appears to have the hallmarks of a coverup. The question is whether this coverup is to hide the agency's incompetence and gross negligence or if there was a deeper and much more insidious plot to kill the former President. As of this writing, Director Cheatle has relented to Congressional pressures to resign. Unfortunately, that only raises the specter of suspicion surrounding conspiracy theories that has taken the web by storm.

Although there were more hearings, no meaningful progress was made, only finger pointing between the different agencies. Christopher Ray, FBI Director even tried to downplay the severity of the incident implying that Trump may have been grazed by shrapnel.

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His deputy has since clarified that the Director was wrong, it was a bullet. Predictably, the hearings have turned into the typical Political kabuki theatre we've come to expect of Washington. Law enforcement did finally get into the assassin's phone(s) so we now know he had three foreign encrypted apps from New Zealand, Germany and Belgium. The mystery is why this twenty-year-old would have these accounts and in these foreign countries and were there others involved in this assassination attempt? Was there any connection to the Iranian plot to kill President Trump which the FBI finally revealed? These and many more questions remain unanswered but hopefully in the days to come we may know more. With Cheatle's resignation, however, it is likely more opacity will follow keeping Congress and the public in the dark. As Congress continues to hold hearings, we hope for more clarity but if history is any guide, these hearings seldom if ever get to the bottom of the whole story. While the hearings were largely Bi partisan, a number of Democrat members just could not resist the temptation to use this forum to grandstand and push their anti-gun agenda (how typical and so tiresome). Despite the stonewalling by former Director Cheatle, it is abundantly clear to everyone that what happened in Butler Pennsylvania on July 13th was a massive failure by the U.S. Secret Service, the premier Federal law enforcement agency, one which we trusted as the best of the best law enforcement agency in America. So, what happened? How did America's finest fail so spectacularly? The answer rests perhaps with these three letters, D-E-I, otherwise known as "Diversity Equity & Inclusion." As director of the most elite agency that protects presidents, VIPs and our security, one would think that the agency's priority and focus is 100% dedicated to its excellence in the job of protecting America and our leaders, but sadly the "Woke" cancer has infected this agency like so many others in America. A visit to secretservice.gov reveals the agency's hiring priorities and its mission focus today: "Embracing a diverse and inclusive workforce enables the Secret Service to be more responsive and better prepared to address the evolving security threats facing our nation's leaders, financial systems, and critical infrastructure."

It is clear the failure on July 13th in Butler PA has tarnished the once stellar reputation of America's premier law enforcement agency. During the Congressional oversight hearing Cheatle was labeled, "a D.E.I. disaster." Even more notable, however, the former Director's arrogance and cavalier attitude towards her agency's catastrophic failures is even more troubling. She appeared contemptuous of the Congressional oversight, was ill prepared and made no effort to answer their questions. It seemed as though as a "Woke-hire" now having been labeled a "D.E.I. disaster" was like a "badge of courage" for her and the Woke movement. Her resignation letter offered no apology especially to President Trump who nearly lost his life and to the family of Corey Comperatore due to her failures signaling a complete lack of remorse. I'd even wager she believes she's done nothing wrong.

Perhaps we will never know if there was a deeper and more insidious plot behind this assassination attempt, but this episode illustrates in spectacular fashion how the "Woke culture" that Biden/Harris and the Democrats have injected into our government and our once great institutions has put lives at great risk by destroying meritorious excellence and competency and threatening the very unraveling of our republic to the delight of America's enemies. Perhaps the "conspiracy" is the Woke culture and its purpose, to destroy America's excellence. There is no doubt that to save America, job one in November is to elect an anti-woke Commander in Chief and to begin the arduous but critical task of disinfecting America of the poison that is the Democrat's Woke culture. Wokism and D.E.I. have no place in America where they are destroying excellence and competency in everything we do. It is time we return America to the successful meritocracy that she always was and return us to American exceptionalism.



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