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Cape Cod lost one of its best on Thursday April 12th.

As human beings we live with losses every day, some of them major, most of them less so. But the death of Officer Sean Gannon of the Yarmouth PD is more painful because it didn't have to happen.

And what makes the situation even worse is the fact that WE THE PEOPLE had a hand in his murder. Yes, we who are grieving for his loss are accomplices. That's right - WE THE PEOPLE empower every cop killer, child molester, drug dealer, home invader, any species of worthless scum that's out there.

How can that be?

The answer is horribly simple: WE empower these people by doing nothing. As a society WE evidently are satisfied with a judicial system that allows existence of a phrase like "career criminal". WE vote into office politicians who have never indicated anything but positive feelings towards the most miserably failed ideas ever developed by a society to protect itself. WE watch passively as our rights to think and speak freely and act responsibly are eroded by the pathology of "the victim". WE count on others to maintain a decent society while we doze or post photos of ourselves to social media sites.

WE the PEOPLE of Massachusetts had to have realized at some point that we were going to get unisex bathrooms, sanctuary cities, recreational marijuana, same-sex marriage, and all the other glories of Democracy shoved down our throats unless WE the PEOPLE called our legislators to account. We never did, so in effect, the electorate (= us) is having the shots called to us by them (= legislators). What's wrong with this picture? Just ask: who pays whose salaries?

Until last night, WE the PEOPLE might never have realized that our beloved Commonwealth judiciary evidently takes great pride in producing as many "career criminals" as possible. (I hope that some honest news organization uses whatever force is necessary to open the records so that we know how

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many more Thomas Latanowiches are out there. Or do they have a "right to privacy"?)

WE the PEOPLE don't get to elect judges in the Commonwealth. We DO get to elect legislators. But ask yourself: who are my local reps in the State House? Do I know their names? Have I any idea how to contact them?

It seems to me that now is one hell of a good time to find out.

To me it seems that if any good is to come from this tragedy, it will be in the form of a citizen uprising. Not a "mobilization" or "burst of spontaneous activism", but an honest-to-God grass-roots awakening of our realization that we are a free people from whom all power of government is derived. This isn't a race thing (could have been a black cop murdered last night) or a gender thing (could have been a lesbian cop), but a "society" thing: decent people live in fear while we pay taxes to ensure that the zombies who terrorize us are ensured of legal representation, prison amenities, libraries of law books, and - most egregious of all - supporters in the legislature and in the judicial system who have our backs any time it looks like we might have to be held accountable for something.

Let's turn off the TVs and put down the Kindles for a second. Let's find a mirror and look ourselves squarely in the face while we ask "What could I have done to prevent Officer Gannon from being murdered by a 'career criminal'?" The answer is to do whatever is in our power as a democracy to prevent "career criminals" from being manufactured in the first place.

If we are unwilling to do this, every trigger pulled by tomorrow's Latanowich has our fingerprints on it.

The politicians and judges of this Commonwealth must be held to account before they allow more Latanowiches, repeat DUI offenders, gang members, child molesters, fentanyl dealers, and the like to prey on us.

Maybe if WE the PEOPLE present ourselves as "victims", we'll get them to pay more attention.

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Time to put aside the political correctness and actually do something positive for ALL your constituents, straight, gay, white, black: clean up this debased justice system that permits violent repeat offenders to continue doing what they do best.

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Rest in peace, Officer Gannon.