



If you would like to share news or information with our readers, please send the unique stories, business

news organization events, and school news to us including your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

For news and information consideration, please send to News@scdaily.com or contact John Robbins 832-280-5815 Jun Gai 281-498-4310

Oil in the age of coronavirus: a U.S. shale bust like no other



Inside C2

Southern DAILY Make Today Different

Southern Daily News is published by Southern News Group Daily

Publisher: Wea H. Lee
President: Catherine Lee
Editor: John Robbins, Jun Gai
Address: 11122 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072
E-mail: News@scdaily.com

Wednesday June 3 2020 | www.today-america.com | Southern News Group

Tensions rise in U.S. cities after police shot; Trump pushes crackdown



WASHINGTON/NEW YORK (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Tuesday taunted state governors for not embracing his proposal to send in the U.S. military to quell unrest, hours after five officers were shot and wounded in an escalation of tensions between law enforcement and crowds protesting the killing of a black man in police custody.

Demonstrators smashed windows and looted stores in New York City late on Monday, including luxury retailers on Fifth Avenue, and set fire to a Los Angeles strip mall. Four officers were shot and wounded in St. Louis and one in Las Vegas who was critically wounded, authorities said.

Trump has threatened to use the military to crack down on the unrest, now in a second week, and has derided local authorities, including U.S. governors, for their response to the violent protests.

RELATED COVERAGE

Less violence in Monday night's protests, National Guard chief says
U.S. House speaker Pelosi: legislation soon addressing racial profiling
See more stories
"New York was lost to the looters, thugs, Radical Left, and all others forms of Lowlife & Scum. The Governor refuses

to accept my offer of a dominating National Guard. NYC was ripped to pieces," tweeted Trump, a Republican, in a reference to New York Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Trump has provided no evidence that leftists are behind the violence that has engulfed U.S. cities.

Cuomo said he was outraged by the violence and looting in New York City on Monday, and that the city's mayor and police force "did not do their job last night." He said he believed Mayor Bill de Blasio underestimated the scope of the problem.

The governor said he had offered the state's mayors support from state police or 13,000 National Guard who are on standby and said that with a 38,000-strong police force, New York City should be able to address its unrest on its own. He said the president sought to blur the line between protesters with a legitimate cause and looters.

De Blasio poured cold water on the idea of bringing the National Guard to America's largest city. He said when forces not trained to handle New York City crowds intervene, "still with loaded weapons and under stress, horrible things happen."

The head of the National Guard, General Joseph Lengyel, said violence had decreased across the United States on Monday night, even as protest activity was sustained or increased. He said no Guard members were injured overnight.

Lengyel said 18,000 Guard members were assisting local law

enforcement in 29 states, a figure that was increasing.

The violent U.S. protests were triggered by the death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old African American who died after a white policeman pinned his neck under a knee for nearly nine minutes in Minneapolis on May 25.

Derek Chauvin, the 44-year-old Minneapolis police officer who planted his knee on Floyd's neck, has been charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Three other officers involved have not been charged.

Floyd's death has reignited the explosive issue of excessive police force, especially against African Americans, and raised tensions on the front lines where officers have faced off against sometimes hostile crowds.

Four officers in St. Louis were shot late on Monday and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An emotional St. Louis police commissioner, John Hayden, said about 200 protesters were looting and hurling fireworks and rocks at officers.

"They had officers with gas poured on them. What is going on? How can this be? Mr Floyd was killed somewhere else and they are tearing up cities all across the country," he told reporters.

A police officer was shot during protests in Las Vegas, police there said in a statement. Officers were injured in clashes elsewhere, including one who was in critical condition after being hit by a car in the Bronx, police said.

美南新聞，全新網頁

WWW.SCDAILY.COM

世界新闻每天更新， 为您带来全新的资讯感受

2020新平台·新方向

- 國際時事
- 僑社活動
- 社區新聞
- 工商資訊
- 在地活動
- 網路黃頁
- 商業廣告
- 分類廣告



美南新聞 Southern News Group

美南國際電視網 Southern TV

休士頓黃頁 Houston Chinese Yellow Pages

美南新聞網 www.scdaily.com

美南國際貿易中心 International Trade Center www.itcheouston.org

美南新聞日報 Southern Chinese Daily

休士頓旅遊指南 Houston Travel Guide

今日美南 WeChat ID: today-america

美南印刷廠 U.S.A. Printing www.southernnewsgr.com



今日美南網站 今日美南國際公衆號

The People's Cry Of Pain

The body of George Floyd will be flown back to his hometown of Houston, Texas. His funeral will be held next week on June 8. The pain of all people is still spread around the whole nation. This afternoon Houston will host another demonstration downtown. The police are advising businesses to close their stores to avoid any possible unrest.

President Trump walked to St. John's Church in Washington DC this morning holding a Bible for a photo op. He also suggested that, "If the cities or states

refuse to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residences, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."

In the past week, at least 40 cities imposed curfews and members of the National Guard have been activated in at least 23 states and Washington DC. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Bottoms said she feels helpless and angry.

Today, the United States of America is



really facing the biggest challenge in the modern time. We already have lost more than one hundred thousand lives in the coronavirus pandemic and forty million people have lost their jobs. Most of them

are working class people, especially African and minority groups. This is such a sad time. All of the state and community leaders need to work together to rescue our nation.



SOUTHERN NEWS GROUP
40th ANNIVERSARY
1979-2019

STV
KVVV15.3
美商國際電視網

Southern News Group Chairman / CEO
Chairman of International Trade & Culture Center
Chairman of International District Houston Texas

Publisher Southern Daily Wea H. Lee

Stay Safe!

BUSINESS

Wash Your Hands!

Trump Says He May Use The Insurrection Act To Quell Protests



President Donald Trump walks from the White House through Lafayette Park to visit St. John's Church in Washington DC.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

WASHINGTON — As sirens wailed and flash-bang grenades popped across the street, President Donald Trump announced from the Rose Garden that he would use the U.S. military to stop the riots across the country that have been sparked by the death of George Floyd.

"I am mobilizing all available federal resources, civilian and military, to stop the rioting and looting, to end the destruction and arson and to protect the rights of law-abiding Americans, including your Second Amendment rights," Trump said in the extraordinary address, which was delivered as police fired smoke devices outside to push protesters back from the White House.

"We are ending the riots and lawlessness that has spread throughout our country. We will end it now," Trump said. Trump said that governors should deploy the National Guard in great numbers so that they "dominate the streets."

"If a city or state refuses to take the actions necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the

United States military and quickly solve the problem for them," Trump said, referring to himself as "your president of law and order and an ally of all peaceful protesters."



The Insurrection Act of 1807

The Insurrection Act of 1807 is a United States federal law (10 U.S.C. §§ 251–255; prior to 2016, 10 U.S.C. §§ 331–335) that empowers the president of the United States to deploy military troops within the United States in particular circumstances, such as to suppress civil disorder, insurrection and rebellion.

The Insurrection Act of 1807 is a United States federal law (10 U.S.C. §§ 251–255; prior to 2016, 10 U.S.C. §§ 331–335) that

empowers the president of the United States to deploy military troops within the United States in particular circumstances, such as to suppress civil disorder, insurrection and rebellion.

The act provides the "major exception" to the Posse Comitatus Act, which otherwise limits the use of the U.S. military for law enforcement within the United States.[1]

Purpose and content
The Act empowers the U.S. president to call into service the armed forces and the National Guard:

- when requested by a state's legislature, or governor if the legislature cannot be convened, to address an insurrection against that state (§ 251),
- to address an insurrection, in any state, which makes it impracticable to enforce the law (§ 252), or
- to address an insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination or conspiracy, in any state, which results in the deprivation of Constitutionally-secured rights, and where the state is unable, fails, or refuses to protect said rights

He said he was already dispatching "thousands and thousands of heavily armed soldiers, military personnel and law enforcement officers" to Washington to stop the violence that has been a feature of the protests here.

Shortly before he started to speak — about 20 minutes before Washington's 7 p.m. ET curfew — U.S. Park Police and the National Guard had started using smoke and flash-bangs to push away the large crowd of peaceful protesters outside. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser complained on Twitter that the move would "make the job of @DCPoliceDept officers more difficult."

It soon became clear why the authorities had forcibly cleared Lafayette Square and its surrounding streets of peaceful protesters. Concluding his remarks, Trump said he was going to "pay my respects to a very, very special place." Then, surrounded by many of his West Wing aides, he walked across the street that had been cleared in order to stand outside St. John's Episcopal Church, which suffered fire damage in protests Sunday night.



Trump says he will deploy military if state officials can't contain protest violence.

The president said he was an "ally of all peaceful protesters" as police and the National Guard forced protesters away from the White House. As protests sparked by the death of George Floyd entered their seventh night, President Trump made a Rose Garden address Monday in which he vowed to end "the riots and lawlessness" and said he would deploy the U.S. military to states if they can't manage it on their own. That could be accomplished with a centuries-old law called the Insurrection Act.

The Act was last used to suppress the 1992 Los Angeles riots, which took place after the acquittal of four white police officers in the savage beating of Rodney King, a black man, that was caught on video.

Governors have the ability to ask the federal government to send in troops to assist with squashing civil unrest, NBC News reported, but none have done so, opting instead to rely on local law enforcement and National Guard troops (which are Army and Air Force reserves).

A section of the act states that a president can deploy troops without a direct request in cases of rebellion or "unlawful assemblages" that make it impractical to enforce the law in a normal fashion.

Another law that works in tandem with the Insurrection Act, called the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, prohibits active-duty troops from being deployed to U.S. states for routine use as police forces.



Trump held up a Bible outside the

church, posed for pictures and then returned to the White House. He did not go in the church or express any religious sentiments there.

In order to deploy troops without a governor's go-ahead, Trump would have to issue a proclamation ordering "insurgents" to disperse and go home within a limited timeframe, according to NBC.

CHIEF CRITICS

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo told CNN that he would say "thanks, but no thanks" to the federal government's offer to send in troops, while Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker told the network, "I reject the notion that the federal government can send troops into the state of Illinois."

KEY BACKGROUND

Other previous uses of the Insurrection Act occurred during the 1968 riots sparked by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and to protect the Little Rock Nine in 1957. In an earlier press briefing with reporters Monday, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany left open the possibility of Trump invoking the Act, saying "it's one of the tools available, whether the president decides to pursue that, that's his prerogative." Trump's Rose Garden address took place while protesters were being cleared by military police with tear gas and flash-bangs from the vicinity of nearby St. John's Church, church where presidents attend services. After his address, Trump, along with an entourage that included Attorney General William Barr, McEnany and daughter Ivanka Trump, walked outside the White House gates and across Lafayette Park to visit St. John's. Once there, he posed for pictures outside holding up a Bible, and departed shortly thereafter. (Courtesy <https://www.forbes.com/>)

Editor's Choice



Officers kneel with protesters during a protest against the death of George Floyd, in Atlanta, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers



Terrence Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, reacts at a makeshift memorial honoring his brother at the spot where he was taken into custody, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson



A member of the Popular Mobilization Forces, who volunteered to work in a cemetery, wears a protective suit as he burns clothes they used for burial, near the new Wadi Al-Salam cemetery, dedicated to those who died of the coronavirus



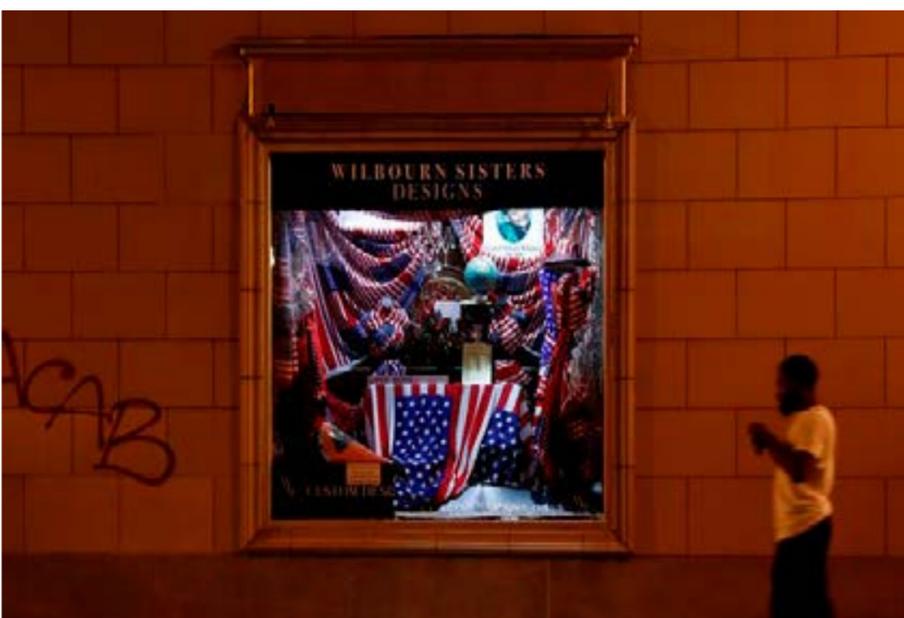
Riot police chase a man as they rush protesters to clear Lafayette Park and the area around it across from the White House for President Trump to be able to walk through for a photo opportunity in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, near the White House. REUTERS/Ken Cedeno



Mannequins placed between tables to make customers sit according to social distancing rules in a bar that reopened in Istanbul, Turkey. REUTERS/Umit Bektas



A brick thrown by a demonstrator hits a sheriff van during a protest against the death of George Floyd, in St. Louis, Missouri. REUTERS/Lawrence Bryant



A man walks past a damaged window display of a business during nationwide unrest following the death of George Floyd, in Atlanta. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton



President Trump walks past graffiti during a visit to St. John's Episcopal Church across from the White House. REUTERS/Tom Brenner

As States Gradually Reopen, The U.S. Economy Is Showing Signs Of Life After One Of The Most Significant Downturns In History

Recent Economic Trends Could Signal A Potential Recovery



People congregate outside a restaurant in the upper east side during the coronavirus pandemic on May 2, 2020 in New York City. (Photo/Getty Images)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Though the U.S. economy suffered a significant downturn amid the coronavirus pandemic, recent data across multiple business sectors indicates that things are beginning to look a little bit brighter. As states gradually reopen, the U.S. economy is showing signs of life after one of the most significant downturns in history. Though many restrictions remain in place across the country, Americans are gaining a greater sense of normalcy as they venture out to restaurants, increase travel and buy new homes.

As states move forward in their reopening progress, more Americans are traveling, buying homes and eating out at restaurants, indicating that some of the hardest-hit industries are starting to revive.

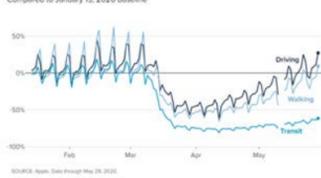
With consumers returning to familiar routines, it could be a sign that the economy is beginning to recover from

the outbreak's devastating impact. The charts below track five key indicators that signal a growing revival of the economy as consumers resume familiar routines and move forward from lockdown measures and business closures.

Americans are starting to drive and walk again, though transit use is lagging

As states began to ease travel restrictions, data shows an increase in requests for walking and driving directions. With retailers, beaches, parks and other places reopening, travelers have had more places to visit these past few weeks. However, requests for transit directions still remain at less than half of their previous levels. As employees continue to work from home and travelers remain fearful of catching the virus in crowded subway cars, buses and trains, public transportation may not be an ideal option yet for many commuters.

Change in requests for directions on Apple Maps

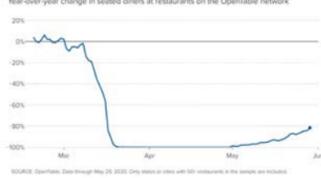


Source: Apple Maps Data through May 23, 2020

Diners are returning to restaurants
The restaurant industry was hit hard by the coronavirus as most states restricted their business to takeout, delivery and curbside pickup. Data from the OpenTable network shows that restaurant bookings plummeted as these regulations were put in place, and were down 100% in the last weeks of March and most of April when compared to last year.

However, several states have allowed restaurants to reopen dining and there was a recent uptick in bookings in May, indicating that the worst of the pandemic could be over for the food service industry. These restaurants are often required to operate under new health guidelines such as capacity limitations and having to space tables six feet apart.

U.S. Restaurant bookings



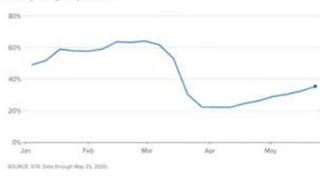
Source: OpenTable Data through May 20, 2020. Only states in which 50+ restaurants in the dataset are included.

Hotel occupancy rates are coming back

The pandemic dealt a serious blow to the hotel industry and the broader travel sector, as restrictions were put in place both within the U.S. and abroad. During the initial stages of the outbreak, global hospitality research company STR reported that the occupancy rate for U.S. hotels was at just over 20% in April, a steep drop from their more than 60% occupancy in February. The pandemic also prompted major hotel chains and resorts to temporarily close properties as travelers put their plans on hold. However, occupancy rates began to

increase in April and May as people resumed travel for business and leisure, and more hotels reopened. To help keep guests safe, major hotels have enhanced their cleaning procedures and put new health protocol in place, such as requiring employees to wear masks and putting plexiglass barriers at the front desk.

U.S. Hotel occupancy rate



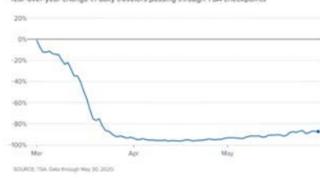
Source: STR Data through May 23, 2020

Air travel is picking up, but still down significantly

With airlines clamoring for government bailouts to stay afloat, the air travel industry has been one of the most visible parts of the economy impacted by the coronavirus. The daily number of travelers passing through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints fell almost 100% year-over-year in March and April and has picked up only slightly in May, according to data from TSA screenings.

However, as travel has increased, airlines have had to adjust booking policies in order to ease customers' fears of contracting the coronavirus. Companies like American Airlines and United Airlines are alerting passengers when planes are full and are making it easier for them to switch flights.

U.S. Air travel



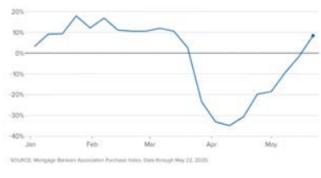
Source: TSA Data through May 20, 2020

Home purchases are up vs. last year

As coronavirus-related restrictions ease, potential homebuyers have been able to tour open houses and resume their search for a new home. Though the

singly-family home mortgage purchase index saw a more than 30% drop in April when compared to last year, it has since reversed its course, according to data from the Mortgage Bankers Association. The index is now up almost 10% compared to the same period last year, indicating that the home purchase market could be on its way to a quick recovery.

U.S. Home purchases



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association. Period ends: Data through May 22, 2020.



Every 8 minutes, we respond to a disaster. Your donation can help impact lives.



HELP NOW
redcross.org

休城社區 Daily News

美南新聞追蹤報導：專家釋疑：佛洛伊德屍檢報告羅生門，是否能呈堂證供？



【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】美國明州警察跪殺黑人案鬧得滿城風雨，最近的兩份屍檢報告對死因描述說法不一，本台獨家專訪到華府刑事辯護權威律師程紹銘，對此次案情進行深度分析。



官方法醫認為被害者的死因是因外力壓制、疑似觸發心臟病而「心肺停止」；然而家屬委任的調查機構、由紐約市前首席法醫巴登(Michael Baden)所領軍的獨立驗屍報告指出，卻指出佛洛伊德是因頸部、背部與腹腔分別受到多重強壓，先「窒息死亡」才導致心肺停止。兩種說法矛盾不一，到底哪方該被採用？

筆事警方被控叁級謀殺，下周出庭情勢預估

程紹銘也分享聯邦刑事司法審判的程序，下周的第一次出庭時間很短，將針對指控罪名、權利、取保、律師指派事宜進行說明。此外，還會確定下次預審的時間。程紹銘指出，這名白人警方很有可能可以取保，而通常謀殺罪名的保金落在50萬至200萬不等。

談屍檢報告的法律效力

程紹銘指出，在美國的刑事司法制度中，如果要把屍檢報告變成證據，則必須要有專家證人，通常情況下是驗屍官要出庭作證。每個驗屍官需要向法院提交交實質證明，以及作出屍檢結論的依據。



在美國法律中，屍檢報告屬於傳來證據，每個專家可以根據自己的分析判斷做出結論，結論也不一定一致，不同的專家

證人可以得出完全不同的結論，這在美國的司法體系裏是允許的。

此外，屍檢報告只是整個刑事證據鏈中的一環，會和其他證據結合起來考慮。比如網上瘋傳的錄像、和被擡上救護車以後的脈搏的記錄，這些事實都可能被採納為證據，屍檢報告則需要與其他證據相結合，然後由陪審團推斷他死亡的最終原因。

所以，屍檢報告只是其中一個證據，並不一定會起決定性的作用。陪審團會根據屍檢報告和其他相應的證據，來最終確定弗洛伊德的死因。

所謂「高一等」的執法手段

程紹銘指出，據悉明州已經因為「勒脖」手段導致44人昏厥，可以看的出來這是明州警方慣用的手法。根據明州執法守則，有一條「高一等」的執法守則，也就是當嫌犯拒絕、反抗警方命令，警方有權使用「高一等」的暴力來對其進行制伏。



然而，這個案子存在叁點問題：第一，對佛洛伊德的壓制時間時間過長。第二，是由叁個警方壓制一個人，明顯作法過度。第三，佛洛伊德上了救護車時已經死亡。因此總歸而言，警方使用的方法屬於明顯的執法過當。

美國警察執法過當，已成系統性問題，如何因應？

有鑒於此次佛洛伊德案，程紹銘分析，美國警察執法過當的問題。若當民眾遇到

了警方不當執法的情況，程紹銘也為我們提出了叁點應對策略。



他表示雖然警察在執法過程中自己違法的情況並不多，而且大部分警察都會秉公執法，但是民眾還是需要足夠多的自我保護的意識。第一，千萬不要跟警察發生直接衝突。如果被警察攔截，馬上打電話給家人和律師，電話不要掛斷，並且可以放在一個隱藏的地方，或者把電話的錄音功能打開，盡可能保留你和警察交流的證據。他以此次佛洛伊德案為例，事發當時的錄像就很有利地替受害者發生。

第二，一定要遵從警察的指令，不要跟警察爭執，更不能在任何情況下「觸摸」警察。在弗吉尼亞州和其他很多州，襲擊警察是刑事重罪。一個女生和男朋友吵架，警察試圖把他們分開，女孩踢了警察一腳，女孩隨即被抓到監獄，並被判刑坐牢叁個月。

第三，好漢不吃眼前虧，如果你發覺警察在執法當中有違法的行為，你唯一需要做的是保留證據，千萬不要以任何方式「激怒」警察。人都是有情緒的，千萬不要讓你自己成為警察發泄不滿情緒的對象。他也指出，此次白人警察跪殺黑人的行為，已經遠遠超出了正當執法的範圍，嚴重侵害了黑人的個人權利，他應該會為黑人死亡承擔相應的法律責任。